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No. 1.

To the Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.,
President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

We receiv'd yesterday your favour of the 26th instant. Our advices out of the country agree with what your honour &ca. mention, that great part of the Moratta army is march'd away towards Tritchanopoly; but we are inform'd that Futta Sing with a considerable force still continues at Ju[g]dava.

When your honour &ca. dispatch one of the Europe ships hither, we beg that not only the gunpowder but the gu[ns] and what stores we lately indented for may also be sent us.

We are sorry your honour &ca. cannot spare us a few men; our garrison being indeed very weak considering the number of guards that are kept manned, the account of which we inclose, and desire you will be pleased to favour us with your sentiments whether you approve of the manner they are station'd or not.

We have taken into consideration the affair of our out-guards, and the weakening it is to our main places of the Fort and Cuddalore to have so many of [our] men kept at them, whom we can have but little hopes [of] releiving, or even withdrawing in case a considerable en[e]my shou'd enter our bounds, yet we are of opinion it is still necessary to keep them manned, as we believe in case they were withdrawn every little straggling party of Moratta horse wou'd come in and ravage the bounds at pleasure, and even the polygars wou'd plunder and destroy what was left by the Morattas. For this reason we think it proper at all events to maintain them, but must refer this matter to your honour &ca's consideration, and desire your directions thereupon.

Though your honour &ca. cannot spare us any soldiers, we are willing to hope that a few Portugueze gunners, and some lascars may easily be sent us without any ways incommoding yourselves; particularly the latter, who are not to be had here, and which we greatly want and are forced to take any cooleys we can get in the room of them.

The sloop *Carolina* lies in our river aground every low water, and there having been no monsoon this year, our bar at Cuddalore is very low, hardly abo[v]e four foot water on the highest tides, and she draws about six and a half foot water, so that unless some considerable rains shou'd yet fall and make a large fresh in the river and deepen the bar, we can have little hopes of getting her out. She has been caulk'd and is fit to be carried out whenever there is a possibility of doing it

with safety, which we shall attempt to do on the first probable appearance of effecting it, but we beg leave to add that we can at this time but ill spare a sufficient number of lascars to carry her up to Madrass, shou'd we be able, which we see but little hopes of at present, to get her over the bar.

We have now on hand 706 bales made up, and have at the beaters 176 more, besides 19 at the dyers, so that we beleive we may make up the number from 850 to 900 bales in 10 days time.

We are with much respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient servants, JAMES HUBBARD—EDWARD CROKE—THOMAS EYRE—EDWARD HARRIS—ROBERT ALLEN—CHARLES FLOYER.

Fort St. David,
December 30th, 1740.

No. 2.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

This serves only to inclose our accounts of expences for the month of November, and cash account for last month, ballance whereof is pagodas 8,859-2-5, and to desire two or three thousand pagodas worth of fanams with the next supply of cash which we hope for by the first opportunity.

We are Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient servants, JAMES HUBBARD—EDWARD CROKE—THOMAS EYRE—EDWARD HARRIS—ROBERT ALLEN—CHARLES FLOYER.

Fort St. David,
January 1st, 1740.

No. 3.

TO THE HONOURABLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

Understanding the *Hardwicke* is nearly on her dispatch for Europe, we now send one pair of our general books, ending the 30th of April last, with such other papers as are yearly sent home to our Hon'ble masters, the list of which is inclos'd; and shall now proceed to give a summary account of what material has occurr'd in their affairs, since the dispatch of the *Shaftsbury* the 20th of January last, under the establish'd heads, having receiv'd no paragraphs out of the Hon'ble Company's letters regarding this place, except what your honour &ca. take notice of in your favour of the 15th of October, which we in the main answered in our letter of the 24th of that month, to which we beg leave to be referr'd; and what further is necessary to be said thereupon, will be observ'd under the head of

INVESTMENT.

Having early in the year engaged Irzapa Chetty, one of the most substantial men in the place, to join with our two merchants Nella Tomby and Shacup Tomby in providing goods for our Hon'ble masters on the same terms of brokerage as last year, we acquainted your honour &ca. with the proposals they made us for bringing in 3,000 (three thousand) bales within the year on condition the advance money to [be kept] in their hands was 50,000 (fifty thousand) pagodas and that no agents of the Madrass merchants shou'd be employ'd to buy goods at the same places with theirs. To the first part of their proposals your honour &ca. were pleased to consent, as advised us in your favour of the 15th of February; but after discoursing with your merchants on the subjects of the second, you were pleas'd to let us know in your letter of the 17th of March that that part of our merchants' proposal cou'd not be complied with

intimating withal that you were in hopes notwithstanding they wou'd be able to bring in the quantity first promis'd. Our merchants on this assured us they wou'd not be wanting in their endeavours to bring in what quantity of goods they possibly cou'd, but that they had no expectations of making it so much as they first propos'd.

Your honour &ca. will observe by the account inclos'd that our merchants have deliver'd in to this time the quantity of 1,675 (one thousand six hundred and seventy-five) bales, whereof 1,208 (one thousand two hundred and eight) have been made up; and of these (412 four hundred and twelve) have been sent up to Madrass and 796 (seven hundred and ninety six) bales are now ready in our godowns to send on board the *Prince William* when she arrives; the other 467 (four hundred and sixty-seven) bales are under cure. We have according to your honour &cas. directions inserted in this account on one side the money first advanc'd and since paid the merchants, and on the other side the number of peices of each sort of cloth embaled and their prices, also the number of pieces of what is not embaled, valued as we find the several sorts cost at a medium, as brought in by the merchants with their brokerage and land custom & dustore. We found we cou'd not well value the cloth at the medium price of what sorted, as there is always some quantity torn at the washers, which we usually take for wrappers, and some also will be turn'd out from the lowest number of ordinary, which are either taken for wrappers or for making into wax cloth as we find occasion, the exact quantities of which can't be ascertain'd, till the whole is cured and made up, which is seldom before the end of March. We hope however this account will be satisfactory as it is done in the best manner we can think of in conformity to our Hon'ble masters' orders. We must remark also that the difference between the money paid the merchants and the value of goods brought in in this account does not show the exact ballance due from the merchant[s], for which reas[on] we now send inclos'd their account current, by which your honour &ca. will obser[ve] the ballance now in their hands is [Pags.] 28,397-2-54. The difference that appears in the ballance between [th]e latter account and the former arises chiefly from $2\frac{1}{4}$ per cent land custom and dustore included in our valuation of the goods, but is brought to the Company's credit in our books, and not to the merchants.

Our investment wou'd have been much larger this year, and possibly not a great deal short of the 3,000 bales first propos'd, had it not been for some great interruptions we have met with. Among the rest we must reckon the detention of the 10,000 pagodas at Wolendore that were sending to Salem which continued stopp'd for near two months as advis'd your honour &ca. in our letter of the 1st and 12th of April and 21st of May to which we beg leave to be referr'd. The want of this money at Salem hinder'd our merchants providing any goods there all that time. Another interruption and the greatest, was occasion'd by the irruption of the Morattas into this province, which they enter'd for the first time in the month of May last when they kill'd the Nabob and gave a signal overthrow to all his forces, whereby they became almost absolute masters of the country. Their first stay indeed was but short, Subder Alley Cawn having purchas'd their absence for a while; whereupon they retir'd into the Mysore Country but visited this province again the November following and continued their former trade of plunder. In this interim the merchants trusted their money up into the country very warily and it was sometime after the departure of the Morattas abovemention'd before they wou'd venture any at all; so that they had but little time left to employ to advantage, before they were again obliged to stop their hands. We advis'd you last month that several parties of Morattas rode up to the very edge of our bounds, since which no cloth has come in, and our merchants were obliged to secure 70 (seventy) ox-loads of cloth coming from Salem in Atture fort. Sixty ox-loads more were likewise ready to come away from Worriapollam, but is now kept there till the roads are more safe, which we hope will be very shortly. [From] what has been said abo[ve], your honour &ca. will judge that the detention of the money at Wolendore and the Morattas together have been a very considerable hindrance to the investment.

The Salem cloth we find turns out $\frac{5}{8}$ of a pagoda dearer than last year and is grown much worse than it us'd to be, which we think mostly owing to Nanjan Chitty's artifices of which we wrote your honour &ca. largely last year. The Chemanaikpollam cloth as far as sent up to Madrass was $\frac{3}{4}$ of a pagoda per corge cheaper than last year, but upon computing the valuation what has been brought in since turns out, the remains of the cloth on this year's investment will not amount to above 45$\frac{1}{4}$ per corge for the number, and in proportion for the other numbers, which is Pagodas 1$\frac{1}{4}$ per corge less than last year, and at this rate we shall invoice what made up since the last parcel sent to Madrass. Though the Cheman[a]ikpollam is at best an uneven wrought cloth, yet it is rather more substantial than the Salem, and we think it at present rather better worth the money it costs. The ordinary cloth we think this year to be very good, and hope it will be to the Company's satisfaction.

Of the soot romalls, according to the muster of last year, we have provided 20 (twenty) bales containing 3,200 (three thousand two hundred) pieces, and our merchants tell us they shou'd have been able to have brought in the whole quantity of 5,000 (five thousand) pieces indented for had not the disturbances from the Morattas prevented them. The price of these is the same as they cost last year, but we think them something better both as to the cloth and colour. As soon as we receiv'd the new muster your honour &ca. sent us with your favour of the 24th of June, we deliver'd it the merchants and directed them to provide 400 (four hundred) pieces of that sort; they have as yet brought in but 6 (six) corge and say they wou'd not have doubted the bringing in the quantity desir'd but for the disturbances above mention'd which have dispers'd the weavers that were about them into all parts of the country.

Our merchants have deliver'd in 85 (eighty five) bales of blue cloth, and wou'd have compleated the quantity of 100 bales, but for the reason already spoken of. We think this cloth much better than what provided two years ago, and being $\frac{1}{2}$ a pagoda per corge cheaper we hope it will prove to our Hon'ble masters satisfaction.

Our fine cloth provided this year is chiefly long cloth of 12 calls, and a few bales of fine sallampores. We had a little of the 15 calls brought in but it not appearing to be of a goodness equal to the difference of the price between that and the 12 calls, we chose to let alone providing it, as we did also with regard to the cloth of 10 calls, of which we had some parcels brought in the beginning of the year; but it was a thin flimsy cloth, and not in our opinion n[ea]r so well worth what it was charged at as the 12 calls, so that w[e] think it best to confine ourselves in fine cloth to that of 12 calls only, of which we doubt not getting large quantities when the country is settled.

As soon as we receiv'd your favour of the 15th of October, we gave directions to our people to endeavour to get some indigo out of the country, but it being late in the year, and the whole country in disturbance, we have yet been able to get none, but we hope however we may pick up in the place a small matter of three sorts to send a small chest of each to England for musters by the *Prince William*.

REVENUES.

Our Weighing and Measuring farm expir'd the 30th of April last, and the same farmers have taken it again at the old rate of pagodas 200 per annum for one year only.

The Arrack farm expired the 30th of November and the old renters refus'd to take it again as we advis'd your honour &ca. in our letter of the 1st of December. We propos'd to have put it up at outcry the 15th of last month, but being then alarm'd by parties of Moratta horse coming near our bounds we deferr'd it, and have not thought proper yet to do it till we are a little more at quiet. The collecting it was put under Mr. Floyer's care, but as we are obliged to keep our men from liquor, except the two drams a day we give them out of the storehouse, we have thought fit to direct that no Pariar arrack be made lest it may some way

be convey'd to our men. Therefore for the present no benefit can accrue to the Company on this branch of their revenue, which we shall take care shall be levied again either by collection or by sales of this farm, according as one or the other be most advantagious, after our present troubles are over.

The customs on the whole are increas'd this year Pags. 451-4-11 above what they amounted to last as appears by the Accomptant's report inclos'd to which we refer and beg leave to assure your honour &ca. that we shall be ever carefull to promote this and all other branches of the Company's revenues as far as lyes in our power.

Expences.

The whole charges of this settlement from May 1739 to ultimo April 1740 amount to Ps. 27,454-10-58 which is Ps 2,325-6-38 more than they come to the year preceding, for the reasons of which we beg leave to be referr'd to our Accomptant's report inclos'd. The unsettled state of the country and the apprehensions we had of the Morattas approach to these parts with a large army laid us under an absolute necessity of increasing our military as far as possible and of making what preparations we cou'd for our defence, which together with the Nabob's sons coming in to our neighbourhood and thereby making a present necessary, and the great repair that was wanting to almost all our gun carriages to which little or nothing had been done for above these twenty years, have been chiefly the occasion of this extraordinary increase in our charges, which we indeed think cou'd not be avoided. We are sorry to remark that since May last our occasions have been more pressing, on account of the Morattas actually entering this country, and that our expences of consequence, must rise considerably in the running books, in which we are carefull to avoid needless expence and at the same time not omit doing what we conceive absolutely necessary for the defence of the place. As the greatest part of the expence has been on Cuddalore fortifications, we inclose our Paymaster's report of the several works that have been done there, also of what guard rooms &ca. are yet necessary to be made for the safety and preservation of our men who are now kept on constant duty upon the points, and which we hope to compleat in a month or two. This is all that cou'd be done there for the present; but as we remarked to your honour &ca. in our letter of the 19th August that the whole east side of Cuddalore towards the river which is up wards of a mile in length is still open, the river in many places fordable, we doubt it can hardly be thought sufficiently fortified to resist long a powerfull enemy, unless that was walled in, which might be done by a wall of four or five bricks thick, and that the mud bank and redoubt to the northward be turn'd into a good brick curtain and bastion. [This] indeed is a good defensible work at present, yet being of earth it can't be suppos'd to last many years; but as the doing [this] wou'd amount to a considerable sum, we beleive as far as Pags. 10,000, we only mention it for your honour &cas. consideration and that you may if you think fit refer it to our Hon'ble masters, as a work in our opinion material for the defence of that place. But whether it can be worth their while to expend so large a sum as this will require, we cannot take upon us to say. We have been obliged to make par[a]pet walls to the east and south sides of the Fort which we wonder had been left so long without them, they being absolutely necessary for covering the men, who, if attack'd on those sides, would have lain quite open. This work with three guard rooms made on the bastions for the men kept on duty and small magazines near the bastions to hold four or five chests of powder in cartridges for the use of the nearest guns, is chiefly what we have done at the Fort, except what concerns the fausse-bray & ditch which will be taken notice of under the head of

Buildings.

In our letter of the 3d of June we represented to your honour &ca. the ruinous condition of the Fort ditch and sent at the same time our Paymaster's and Gunner's report thereupon and their estimate of the charge it would come to, to put it in a good

condition. We were not sensible sooner of the weakness of the faussebray wall, having always thought it had been built up [on] wells, as advis'd your honour &ca. in our letter of the 1st of July, [or] we shou'd not have been wanting to have represented it long before. We had your honour &cas. permission to set about this work in your favour of the 7th of June, upon which we begun immediately to clear the ditch to the westward, and as soon as we cou'd get materials ready we set about making a strong wall upon wells on the outside of the fausse-bray wall, and joining to it, which we carried on to the latter end of October, but then left off on account of the rains that then fell, and in expectation of greater in the monsoon time. During this time we finish'd the new buttrace wall against the whole west curtain, and about half of that against the N. Wt. and S. Wt. bastions. We found, as we went on with the work, the old faussebray wall exceeding defective having hardly a foundation of above two foot and we were obliged to support it with timbers whilst the new work was carrying up. We indeed think the old fausse-bray walls could not have held many years more, and their giving way wou'd in all probability have caus'd the Fort walls to sink considerably if not fall too. The work as far as carried on is substantial & good, and we hope will be nearly compleated by the end of this year, and when done we think will effectually secure the Fort walls even for ages.

Our other necessary work has hinder'd us from building the powder magazine agreeable to your honour &cas. directions in your letter of the 10th of July 1739; but when our other more immediate work will permit us, we shall set about it. And as you are pleas'd in the said letter to direct us to erect it in such a spot of ground as is best situated for the purpose it is design'd, we, after mature considera-tion prefer the building it adjoining to the southwest bastion of the Fort, as we conceive if it was built without the Fort it cou'd not be secure, and it is a good distance from the other magazine in the Fort and thereby will make a proper division of our powder which ought not to be trusted in one magazine only.

Debts.

The debts upon our general books ending in April last are the same as last year. We have contracted no new, nor have we been able to recover any of the old ones.

Covenanted Servants.

Mr. Henry Powney went up to Madrass the 12th August, and had your honour &cas. permission to reside there as advis'd us in your favour of the 16th of October.

Mr. Thomas Cook Junior, who had been entertain'd last year as a monthly writer, was taken into the service as a writer from the 15th of August agreeable to [your] honour &cas. orders of the 19th of that month, and we h[ave stati]on'd him under the Accomptant.

Mr. Borlace Stacey writer arriv'd from Mad[rass] the 8th of October and we have plac'd him under the Warehousekeeper.

Mr. Joseph Fowke arriv'd from Madrass the 26th October, whom we have appointed Secretary. The other covenanted servants of this place are as per list enter'd at the end of our Consultation book.

Military and Peons.

We send inclos'd the muster R[olls of the] military and gunroom by which their present state will be seen. We have been obliged in these troublesome times to entertain all the topasses, gunners and lascars we cou'd possibly get, agreeable to the liberty your honour &ca. gave us in your letter of the 7th of June, and more particularly since the approach of some Moratta horse to our very bounds the middle of last month, since which time our people have been kept on constant duty at all the out-points, Cuddalore and the Fort. And the gunners and lascars being not near sufficient for working the guns in all places, we have been obliged to entertain sixty cooleys to assist in that business as will appear in the inclos'd

list; but as we hope to get a few more lascars shortly, we shall then discharge these cooleys who indeed but ill supply the want of the others.

We have receiv'd this year a recruit of thirty European soldiers, but still we have but fifty three Europe centinels in each Company which is much short of our common establishment, and exceedingly too few for thi[s] garrison where so many guards are necessary whilst so formi[dable] an army is spread over the whole country, and may probably take it in their heads to give us an unwelcome visit; we must therefore again repeat our desires for a much further supply of Europeans, whenever they can be had.

We have been obliged according to your general permission to increase our peons to 551 and we think still more will be necessary if any good ones are to be got, but both the additional peons and all other persons taken in on this occasion shall be discharg'd as soon as the Morattas have left this country; but till then we think it will be absolutely necessary to take in every usefull man we can get.

Supplement.

Our letters of the 1st. 16th. and 26th. of December to which we refer gave your honour &ca. an account of what advices we had receiv'd concerning the motions of the Morattas; since which we have been inform'd that both the generals Futty Sing & Ragojee Bosra with the greatest part of their army are gone towards Tritchanopoly, but that some parties of their horse are dispers'd about the Worriapollam and Arelore countries, and other places near Calderoon river both on the other side and this, to plunder. We are advis'd that an officer of Chunda Sahib's named Sasherow, march'd out of Tritchanopoly with about 2,000 (two thousand) horse and a great many peons to engage the Morattas, but was forc'd to retreat back to the Fort with the loss of one thousand of his horse kill'd and taken and himself dangerously wounded. It is given out that when the Morattas have done with Tritchanopoly, they will certainly visit the sea ports, and that on that account the generals had wrote to Subder Alley Caun to withdraw his family from Pondicherry which he has actually done, and his and most of the other great Moormens families went away from thence two or three days ago. This is the substance of all our late advices concerning the Morattas, which seem to carry a probability of truth with them.

In our letter of the 31st of October we gave your honour &ca. as particular an account as we cou'd get of the French ships arriv'd and sail'd to Europe with their cargoes, to which we beg leave to be referr'd. The 19th December the ship *Comte De Thoulou[se]*, Monsieur Forty, Commander, arriv'd from Acheen, and the *Phantier[?]*, Monsieur Du Bois from Mergy the 30th of that month, which last called at Mahie in her outward bound passage, and coming from thence too late to put into this coast, went for Mergy. She has brought 100 chests of silver to Pondicherry. The first of these has taken in some part of her cargo for Europe, but it is uncertain whether they will have goods enough to dispatch the other this season or not.

We have had this last year much [trouble on] a difference that arose between the casts on the [occasion of] Irzapa Chitty's wedding, on which account numbers of the Ri[ght]hand cast headed by one Vencatachilum, dubash, dese[rted] the bounds and continued out for a considerable time. Most are long since come in except Vencatachilum, but for a particular account of this matter we beg leave to be referr'd to our Consultations of 23rd, 24th, 26th and 30th April, and to a paper deliver'd in by the Deputy Governour enter'd in our Consultation of the 29th of August wherein all the steps taken for putting an end to this difference are fully set down. A little after we were advis'd that Vencatachilum, after having in [vain endea]vour'd by means of Francisco Pereira to influence Chunda Sahib then at Pondicherry against this place, went away with Pereira to Tritchanopoly, and Timmapa Chitty whom he had persuaded to countenance him presently after disappear'd, so that we have had no further trouble on this head since. Though this matter has given us much vexation and uneasiness, we think, however it has not

occasion'd any detriment to the Hon'ble Company's affairs with regard to the investment or any thing else.

We are with much respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most obedient servants JAMES HUBBARD—EDWARD CROKE—THOMAS EYRE—EDWARD HARRIS—ROBERT ALLEN—CHARLES FLOYER.

Fort St. David,
January the 8th, 1740-41.

No. 4.

[TO THE] HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR., [GOVERNOUR] &CA. COUNCILL
Hon'ble sir and sirs,

By the French ship Monsr. Puell, and ship *Bon Voyage* Mr. Smart adviced of the deplorable estate of affairs here, occasioned by the late revolt of the Peguers, in which we craved your honour and sirs kind releif, for which purpose the present sloop is dispatched. Mr. Smart allows Capt. Wright for going and returning, three hundred pagodas, and we wish she may be dispatched directly.

The new king call'd Seminto, after he had notice of his peoples haveing conquered this province, sent by a Hossam a letter to Mr. Smart advising him, that he, being sensible of the very great oppressions the poor Peguers formerly labour'd under by the Buramore government and the massacre they intended on the casts of people called Siamers and Peguers, had engaged himself to procure their relief at all hazards, but at the same time had agreed with his people that they should not molest the strangers on any account, which was strictly observed by the conquerors.

In answer to this letter Mr. Smart dispatch'd Terevangedum and his dubash Chevena to the King, intimating that as strangers we were only merchants and were to submit to the ruling power, let the government be Peguer or Siamer; the people who were bearers of this letter were at their arrival at Pegue kindly received by the new King; the 21st instant the messengers return'd with a letter from him; the contents we inclose to your honour and sirs. As many vile aspersions have by a certain set of people been cast on Messrs. Smart and Torney, it was thought necessary that one of the parties should appear at the coast, not only to convince your honour and sirs of their innocence of their being concern'd in the present revolution, but also to acquaint your honour and sirs in a particular manner the present state of affairs, in order to which Mr. Torney waits on your honour and sirs by the *Speedwell*.

The new king has much importuned a visit from Mr. Smart to Pegue, and Mr. Smart is now [inten] ding to wait on his Majesty about ten days hence.

With regard to shipping and foreign trade they have proposed that Mr. Smart should have the regulating and reducing the port charges and customs, to a moderate rate; since which proposal, [arrived ?] a small China vessel from Junk Ceilon, which they delivered into Mr. Smarts charge and is to be cleared tomorrow at half the former customs; believe that the customs for Europeans may be reduced to five per cent; they also intend to give liberty for the exportation [. . .] of commodities the country produces, and liberty to [. . .] ships clear of the former exorbitant presents. In short your honour and sirs has it now in your power to settle things at your pleasure and there is nothing more wanting but your honour and sirs instructions and leave in what manner Mr. Smart may proceed.

We are Hon'ble sir and sirs, your honours and sirs with the greatest respect, your most obedient, obliged and very humble servants,

Syrian,
23rd December, 1740.

JONATHAN SMART—[......] TORNEY—MICHALE COLLINGS—JOHAN OVERREE—ANDREW GLEN—REEVE TOBBIN—DAVID ROBERT—HUYBT OVERREE—D. REYMORD—JOAON. FERNANDES—AUREFF—NOOR BOY JAFFAR BOY—TEABJEE AHMUD BOY—PAULLIAPA—TERUVENGODOM—NALLA TOMBY—YERRAPPA.

TRANSLATE OF THE LETTER FROM KING SEMENTHO TO MR. SMART.

Pinhahusaradi, Pinhaquintao, Pinhaarintuma, these three are the great governours and [gene] rals of the Kingdom of Pegu.

The King Sementho, notifyes to the Honourable Company, that he having advice that the Burmar Prince of Syrian design'd to take and imprison all the Peguers, Siamers, Tavays and all strangers and resolved to burn them by trechery, for this reason, I Samentho was obliged to send my soldiers to kill all the governing Burmars that were in Syrian; and as now the said governing Burmars are destroy'd, the strangers, Peguers, Siamers and Tavays will again be at peace; and as I have had the good fortune to be acquainted with the Hon'ble Companys for these several years: I therefore now entreat you that from henceforward you would contribute all that is in your power for the good of the country and all strangers. All the custom and duties and entries of ships at the custom house you may fix and settle according to your pleasure in such a form as to please everybody, and not after the manner the Burmore government have done in laying very intollerable duties. And as I now rely upon you and shall hereafter have great confidence in you, I hope you will not fail of your good friendship which I have in very great remembrance. In the meantime you'll do me the favours to take under your government all the strangers, Christians, Moors, Mallabars and Chinese and all affairs that concern them you'll transact intirely at your pleasure. There is a ship at Syrian of the Burmore King of Ava; that ship I give to you for your service.

No. 5.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs

Yesterday in the evening arriv'd ship *Prince William*, Capt. Thomas Langworth, Commander, by which we receiv'd your favour of the 7th instant, and shall have due regard to what you say relating to the out-points, sloop *Carolina* and all other your directions therein.

We are now sending off boa[ts on board the] *Prince William* to bring ashore what stores &ca. she ha[s got] for this place, and shall not fail to get her loaded with [the ut]most expedition.

We are, with much respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs your most obedient servants,

JAMES HUBBARD—EDWARD CROKE—THOMAS EY[RE]—EDWARD HARRIS—ROBERT ALLEN—CHARLES FLOYER.

Fort St. David,
January the 10th, 1740.

P.S. The powder and treasure your honour &ca. have sent us per *Prince William* are come ashore.

No. 6.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs

Enclosed is duplicate of our last per ship *Hardwicke* with the second bills of lading for the goods and stores sent your honour &ca. on that ship.

We have since received overland your fa[vour] of the 18th of October with duplicate of what you wrote us per *Durrington*.

In our address per *Prince William* we advis'd your honour &c. that our Nabob Alliverde Cawn had met & treated with Morud Cawn who came down for the kings treasure. What we hear since is that the former carr[ied with] him one hundred thirty laack of rupees part of which [. . .] revenues of this province and the rest with fifteen or twenty laack in jewells and other effects belong'd to the deceas'd

Subah. This treasure &c. he deliver'd to Morud Cawn from whom he received a seerpaw and (as it is said) a husbullhookum also under the seal of Commuady-cawn, the Grand Vizier, to confirm him in the Subaships of Bengall, Bahar and Orixa, which was made publick and a copy thereof deliver'd to the French, Dutch and our vacqueel at Muxadavad in [. . .] Alliverde Cawn some time after his return to Muxadavad notified the above to Mussun Cooley Cawn who is in possession of the Subaship of Cuttack and directed him to relinquish that province and proceed to Dilly by what rout he should think proper, wherein the Nabob promis'd not to molest him, but if he did not comply, threaten'd to oblidge him to it by force. To this Mussun Cooley Cawn gave no reply or permitted the messenger sent on that occasion to return again; on the contrary he advanced with what forces he could raise to the frontiers of this province, whereupon Alliverde Cawn who had also rais'd a considerable army detach'd part of them to Narrangur which is on the road to Cuttack and shortly after he himself left Muxadavad with about six thousand horse and ten thousand foot and is now following that detachment. We have no certain advice of the number of Mussun Cooley Cawn's forces, but it is reported his army is considerable and we hear there has already been a skirmish between Alliverde Cawn's troops and his, wherein the former were defeated. This is the present state of this province which puts a damp on all business and how it will terminate we cannot judge.

We have now under dispatch our Hon'ble masters ships the *Heathcote* and *Princess of Wales* directly from hence to Great Brittain.

We are, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most humble servants,

THOMAS BRADDYLL—FRANCIS RUSSELL—JOHN FORSTER—WILLIAM DAVIS—WILLIAM BARWELL—JOHN HALSEY.

Fort William,
[the 30th] December, 1740.

No. 7.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs

On the 23rd of July we was honoured with your letter under date of the 27th of June with the several [papers] inclosed.

We beg leave to return your honour &ca. [our] humble thanks for your care in forwarding the sev[eral] packets we trouble you with this season; as well as for [im]parting to us the Europe advices received by our Hon'ble m[asters] ships *Princess of Wales* and *Wilmington*.

The inclosed packet for the Governour [&c.] Council of Pondicherry we request you'll please to for[ward].

Our Hon'ble masters ship *Warwick* [with] her dispatches for Great Brittain imported here on [the] 3rd instant and sailed the 6th. She left Bombay the 21st [instant] at which time none of their other ships were [arrived at that] port.

We are with the greatest respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient humble serv[ants],

WILLIAM WAKE—WILLIAM WEST—GEORGE HAMIL[TON].

Tellicherry,
October the 21st, 1740.

No. 8.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs

Yesterday two hurkarahs brought [a letter] to the Deputy Governour from Ragoajee Bonsla [one of the] Moratta Generals, which with its translate we now

in [close]. The letter is wrote in such an ambiguous mann[er that] we can hardly tell what to make of it. It refers [us to what] Oppajee Vittal shall write us, but he has now se[nt none]. Whether this may be to make some demand for [money or] not we can't judge and we hope not. This Oppajee [Vittal], the grand [nephew of . . .] here for some years, but afterwards the greatest part of them went to Pondicherry; however they have a house in Cuddalore, and are well-known, and often come to this place, as this Oppajee Vittal did some months ago, when he waited upon the Deputy Governour and told him he was going to the Moratta camp, vakeel from the Governour of Pondicherry, and ask'd him if he cou'd be of service to him. The answer the Deputy Governour gave was to desire him, that when he knew of any material news and advis'd the Governour of Pondicherry of it, that he wou'd also send him advice of it by a letter which wou'd be forwarded to him by means of our spy at Pondicherry. This is the substance of what pass'd in discourse with the said Oppajee Vital, but what he may have represented to the Morattas we can't guess at. When the Deputy Governour receives a letter from him, which may be expected by Ragoagee Bonsla's letter, it shall be forwarded directly to your honour &ca. Who Ragoa Narrain mention'd in the letter is we can't yet learn, and for the letter or two Ragoagee Bonsla mentions to have sent the Deputy Governour, he never receiv'd any. But it is true he receiv'd about two months ago letters from the Moratta vakeels at Arcot, translates of which he says he sent to the Hon'ble President. The two hurkarahs acquainted the Deputy Governour, that when Ragoagee Bonsla deliver'd them the three letters for Madrass, this place and Pondicherry, he told them in regard to the two former that they were to tell us that he took it very ill, that as he had been so long in the country, no vakeels had been sent to him and that we must send vakeels to him and keep up a friendship with him; but with relation to Pondicherry he ordered these hurkarahs to tell the Governour that he had receiv'd large sums of money of the great Moors families that had come to Pondicherry, which money he expected they wou'd send to him. They add that when they left Pondicherry, they sent one [. . . .] We desire your honour &ca. to favour us with directions [in what] manner to answer the said Ragoagee Bonsla's letter. [Also what] you think proper we shou'd do, with regard to sending a va[keel] to him as he seems to expect.

We are with much respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient servants,

James Hubbard—Edward Croke—Thomas Eyre—Edward [Harris]—Robert Allen—Charles Floyer.

Fort St. David,
14th January, 1740/41.

Translate of a letter from Ragoagee Bonsla, Chief General [of] the Morattas, to Governour Hubbard at Tevenepatam. Received [the] 13th January, 1740.

[*The words in square brackets have been supplied from a copy of this letter kindly furnished by the India Office.*]

I am in perfect health and hope you [en-]joy the same.

After our arrival in this province [I sent] you a letter or two, and likewise a detachment of [my] forces [but] you, as it appears to me, neither complyed with the [purport] thereof, nor sent me an answer to it, wherein you we[re very] ungratefull. I had then thoughts of sending a secon[d detatchment], but in the meanwhile Oppajee Vittal, son of Nagenauth, an old & faithfull servant to our great [king], arriv'd here from your parts and discours'd with me co[ncerning] your affairs which gave me great joy. Our great [king former-]ly settled you in your place, since which, as I understand, some unkindnesses had been done by you; but after [Oppajee] Vittal had acquainted me of your dispositions and [intentions] I approv'd of your gratefullness, and was sensible [you wou'd] never do wrong. And as I am inform'd you now [maintain Vit]tal Nagenauth, I have in

regard to him resolv'd [not to send the above] detachment and the Jamedars. Oppajee [Vittal is told what further we have to say, and he] will write [you thereupon] which you may take into your consideration and get ready and send. You may use likewise your endeavours to confirm our friendship. I have now sent you one Ragoa Narrain about this matter, and you must send back your vakeel along with him to make an end of your affairs. I have order'd 100 pagodas to be given the abovesaid Braminy for his charges which sum must be paid. What can I say more.

No. 9.

To the Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.,
President and Governour &ca., Council of Fort St. George.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

This morning came to hand your favour of the 13th instant. The Captain of the *Prince William* says he shall be ready for his dispatch by the 23rd at furthest. He has now 320 (three hundred and twenty) bales on board, and will be able to take in 500 (five hundred) more and upwards. We have made up at this time with what is already gone on board, 850 (eight hundred and fifty) bales, and can make up as many more out of hand as the Captain shall call for.

We shall take care to give the Company the latest advices we receive concerning the motions and designs of the Morattas, but we cannot promise to give them any account of the cargoes of the French ship bound for Europe, it being impossible at present to receive any secret intelligence from Pondicherry whence no letter can be sent but what is open'd and examin'd.

We are, with much respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient servants,

James Hubbard—Edward Croke—Thomas Eyre—Robert Allen.

[Fort St.] David,
[. . .]th 1740/41.

No. 10.

To the Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.,
President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

We have at length commenc'd an action with the Morattas. This morning at half an hour after seven a party of between three and four thousand, as near as we can judge, entered the bounds pellmell to the southward of Cuddalore, but receiving several shot from that Fort, they wheel'd off and directed their march along Bandipollam hills, where we had a clear view of their little army as they pass'd in file. When they came within reach of our cannon at Bandipollam point our guard there discharged eight and thirty at them till they were out of reach, and then as they march'd on, Trepopilore guard took up the fire. Nevertheless they continued their March till they came up to Chemundulum, where they met with the like reception, and a few guns were likewise fir'd from Patcharee. After having thus visited all our points, and plunder'd Manjocopang and the Washing Town, which we believe will not answer the trouble of their expedition, they rode out of the bounds, and are now, as we hear, at Bagore; but whether they will return upon us again or not we cannot tell. We shou'd have told your honour &ca. before, that the Morattas made themselves masters of some of our points, whence we had withdrawn our cannon & left only a guard of peons; several of these and at the mettas behav'd themselves well, which we think deserves to be mention'd. Eight of them are desperately wounded, some having lost their arms, others their fingers & others again cut into the scull. Our private advices inform us that this party belongs to another, which together make up 5,000 and which is a detachment from the main army sent by Ragoagee Bonslow to Pondicherry to demand Oppajee Vittal's father, whom he had heard

the French design'd to execute. We cannot yet inform your honour &ca. what mischief we have done among the Morattas, but we think we must have done them a good deal, having discharg'd about 100 cannon at them, and we hope with good execution.

We are, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient servants,

James Hubbard—Edward Croke—Thomas Eyre—Edward Harris—Robert Allen—Charles Floyer.

Fort St. David,
January 18th, 1740/41.

No. 11.

To the Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.,
President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

We have receiv'd your answer to our's of the 14th and shall comply with your directions in answering Ragoajee Bonslo's letter by the first opportunity, which will not be before his hurkarahs return from Madrass. If they shou'd not call upon us, we are in doubt whether we shall be able to send any answer at all, not knowing anybody that will be willing to carry it.

After all the enquiry we cou'd make, we do not find that we have made such slaughter among the Morattas as might reasonably be expected from the number of cannon discharged at them, which ill success we must in a very great measure attribute to the sad inexperience of our gunners. We beg leave therefore on this occasion to request the favour of your honour &ca. to send us some few that are more skillful, and upon whose services we may more safely depend. This is a request we have often made to your honour &ca. but our apparent wants in this respect will, we hope, justify the repetition. It gives us great concern to think that we have not above four or five in all the gunroom crew that scarce know the touch hole of a gun from the muzzle, and some of those also out of order and unable to do duty. We shou'd likewise be obliged to your honour &ca. for a further supply of a hundred barrels of country powder, half a dozen barrels of Europe powder, and some flints that are good, for we don't know how soon we may have occasion to use them.

We are likely soon to have a loud cry for rice and therefore beg your honour &ca. to send us some ship or other to supply our wants.

Captain Langworth has now 750 bales on board, and will be ready to sail by the 25th at furthest. The alarms we had from the Morattas obliged us to send for 20 of his ship's company ashore, which has somewhat retarded his dispatch.

We are with much respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your obedient servants,

James Hubbard—Edward Croke—Thomas Eyre—Edward Harris—Robert Allen—Charles Floyer.

Fort St. David,
22d January, 1740/41.

No. 12.

To the Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.,
President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

This morning we receiv'd your favour of the 20th ordering the *Prince William* up to Madrass, but having had presently after the receipt of it, a generall attack upon our outguards by a body of about 5,000 Morattas, it has somewhat retarded the loading of this ship, so that she cannot be loaded before Tuesday next, which also depends upon our being left quiet. There is also, as we are inform'd, a body of seven or eight thousand more now marching this way from the southward, and as at present there is a strong northerly wind may continue for

sometime, we hope we shall be excus'd detaining the *Prince William* here till your further orders, since the face of affairs are much alter'd from what you knew at the time of giving us the above order, as you will plainly perceive upon the receipt of this and our's of the 18th. We do not imagine the suspending your orders upon so critical a juncture as this will be construed to our disadvantage, and especially as the ship will not be retarded two days longer thereby before we can hear your further sentiments. The people we have ashore here belonging to the *Prince William* are the only gunners we have that are good for any thing, for the few good ones of our own are all sick, and therefore we think it absolutely necessary to detain this ship here for the safety of the place, and beg your honour &ca. will consent thereto.

We must beg leave to press in the most earnest manner for a ship-load of rice, or otherwise we cannot tell shortly to what necessities we may be reduc'd.

We are with much respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient servants, JAMES HUBBARD—EDWARD CROKE—THOMAS EYRE—ROBERT ALLEN—CHARLES FLOYER.

Fort St. David,
23d January, 1740/41.

No. 13.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,

PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

The aforegoing is triplicate of ours under date the 30th December sent per ships *Lancaster* and *Ceres*.

This serves to inclose invoice and bill of lading for one bundle of taffatys sent on ship *Augusta* for the use of Fort Marlborough agreable to your honour &c. request amounting to three hundred and one rupees, one anna (Current Rs. 301-1).

We are Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most humble servants,

THOMAS BRADDYLL—FRANCIS RUSSELL—JOHN FORSTER—WILLIAM BARWELL.

Fort William,
the 13th January, 1740/41.

No. 14.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,

PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

We are now to acknowledge your favour of the 18th of October with duplicates of what sent us by the *Venkatash* which we have given over all hopes of ever seeing and according to orders has been repaid into the Honourable Companys cash the surpluse of freight charged in our invoice by the *Richard* tho' we were in hopes, as it was an August trip, your honour &ca. would have allowed it considering the great charge the ow[ners] of the *Richard* were at.

It gives us great satisfaction to hear from your honour &ca. that our last years investment is approved off, which we were in hopes of exceeding this year. But unfortunatly for us cotton has been so exceeding scarce in this country this season that the produce has been barely sufficient to cloath the natives. As these misfortunes are unavoidable, we request your honour &ca. will think so favourable of our endeavours that nothing on our part shall ever be wanting to support our Hon'ble masters interest.

The ship *George* haveing had a thorough repair agreeable to orders, we now dispatch her for Coranga to take in the Ingeram bales; and the *Miss Jenny* will likewise be dispatched very speedly with what bales are in our godowns, and haveing inform'd ourselves if Mr. Goddard was in want of a conveyance for his, we were told by his corrispondant that he had orders to send his brigantine that

now is in our river to him for that purpose, or else we should not have fail'd of dispatching the *Jenny* to Maddapollam for his cloth.

Without loss of time the packett recommended by your honour &ca. to us was forwarded to the Bay.

Agreeable to your orders Doctor Gibson's effects in this place were putt up to publick sale. When what he has at Massulapatam is disposed of and the money received, we shall pursuant to orders punctually pay Narrain Pottanah what is justly due to him which will prevent any further complaints from him to the Government.

In compliance to your honour &ca. direction of the 27th June, we sent persons to Hayaut Patnam [who] on their return inform'd us of the following particulars, first, that the barr was very shallow, that on the greatest spring tide there was not above five foot water on it, and the merchandize to be got there is chiefly rice some sticklack and iron and other commodities much the same as at Ganjam, it being not above ten miles to the southward of it, both being under the Phousdar of Itchapore, who has treated the merchants so very ill that no vessell this year has ventured to go to Ganjam or his new named Patta but what was forced there by stress of weather. Formerly there was a large quantity of sallampores and other goods made in and about the Barramporam country which is quite neglected for the abovementioned reason.

Chittaram Rauze, the Comley Rajah, who with his brother Vizaram Rauze went with the Nabob to warr on the people near Baramporam, died a few days agoe much lamented, and out of zeal three or four of his faithfull servants stabed themselves and was carried to the funeral pile with him.

The 12th instant we received your honour &ca. favour of the 20th ultimo which requires no further answer than to comply with your commands of the rise of the Upparra or Quotapatam present which was ever since our first setling there, when the country was in the Rajah Mawdero hands, who first invited us to settle a factory there, giveing as an acknowledgement for the liberty of trade, granted us by his cowles, which now the Nabob appropriates to himself as he keeps the Upparra and Ingeram countrys in his own hands; the present, being in broad cloth, amounting to pagodas.

Our account adjustments comes herewith with our general books, likewise the Paymasters accounts for the year and cash and Paymasters accounts for last month. The ship *George's* expences with our other sett of generall books will be sent your honour &ca. overland in few days.

What more we had at this juncture to trouble your honour &ca. with, is to request your compliance with the inclosed list of wares and stores by the first conveyance agreeable to you, which concludes us with much regard to be Hon'ble sir and sirs, your very obedient humble servants,

CHARLES SIMPSON—THOMAS SAUNDERS.

Vizagapatam,
the 19th December, 1740.

P.S. Captain Taylor has received for the use of the ship sixteen hundred rupees. Since the writing the above the weather has been so bad that no boats could goe off for several days.

INDENT OF SUNDRY WARES WANTING THIS 19TH DECEMBER 1740, VIZT.

Vizagapatam,
19th December, 1740.

Broadcloth superfine scarlet	6 pieces.
Broadcloth fine scarlet	12 Do.
Do. blue	2 Do.
Do. yellow	1 Do.
Broadcloth green	1 Do.
Do. aurora	6 Do.
Do. middling yellow	2 Do.
green	2 Do.

Emboss'd cloth yellow	... ...	2 pieces.
Perpetuanoes ordinary red	... ...	10 Do.
green	... ...	5 Do.
blue ...	... ...	5 Do.
yellow	... ...	10 Do.
Gunneys Bengall	... ...	2000
Twine	... ...	3 candy
Cotton	... ...	3 Do.
Stationary ware	... ...	1 chest

THOMAS SAUNDERS,
Ware [house] Keeper.

INDENT OF SUNDRY STORES WANTING THIS 19TH DECEMBER 1740, VIZT.

Vizagapatam,
19th December, 1740.

Anchors pz. each 1000 lb.	... ...	2
Anchors pz. each 800 lb.	... ...	2
Gunpowder country	... ...	5 candy
Gunpowder Europe	... ...	2 barrel
General stores—		
Wood oyl	... ...	4 jarrs
Twine fine	... ...	4 Ma[unds]
Steel	... ...	2 Do.
Country match	... ...	4 Ca[ndy]
Tin lanthorns	... ...	4
Europe match	... ...	10 [?]
Flints	... ...	1000
Small iron gunns from 1 to $1\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs :	... ...	12

Errors excepted
per THOMAS SAUNDERS,
Storekeeper.

No. 15.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

The 19th instant haveing wrote you fully by the ship *George*, at present we have very little material to trouble you with except incloseing invoice & bill of sixty bales of callicoes laden on board the *Miss Jenny* amounting to Pagodas lading for 3,826-6 fa. 3.ca. with the Masters sailing orders ; and to acquaint your honour &ca. that we have been just now informed that the old Nabob Annawardee Cawn is amarching this way to put Vizaram Rauze in possession of this country, upon the death of his nephew, Chittaram Rauze, for which favour it is thought he must pay a handsome sum of money.

We are with much respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most obedient
humble servants,

CHARLES SIMPSON—THOMAS SAUNDERS.

Vizagapatam,
the 23d December, 1740.

No. 16.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

I have received your favour of the 20th November, and this waits on you per ship *George*, whereon I have shipped for the account and risque of our

Hon'ble masters one hundred and thirty (130) bales of calicoes for which invoice and bill of lading come inclosed.

As the fine cloths this year have been cured in a different manner from those which used to be sent from hence, I hope the colour will hold to England and prevent all further complaints relating thereto.

If your honour &ca. approves of the betteelas I have now sent and cotton at a moderate price, next year I believe I may be able to procure between two and three hundred pieces.

According to your honour &cas order I have herewith sent you an account shewing what money has been advanc'd each of the merchants this year and last and what number of pieces of each sort of cloth has been brought in by them with the value.

I am, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient humble servant,

RICHARD PRINCE.

Ingeram,
the 15th January, 1740-41.

P. S. Inclosed comes an indent for broad cloth and stores wanting at this factory. The former I request your honour &ca will be pleas'd to send me by the first opportunity, being in need of it to make up the Nabob's and other presents now due. Mr. Simpson tells me what he indented for last year was lost upon the Callingapatam boat and therefore cannot supply me.

I am Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient humble servant,

RICHARD PRINCE.

INDENT FOR BROADCLOTH AND STORES WANTING AT INGERAM FACTORY, VIZT.

Broad cloth, superfine scarlet	2
Broad cloth scarlet	4
	6 pieces.

STORES, VIZT.

Royal paper	10 quires.
Medium	10 ,,
Demy...	20 ,,
Post	30 ,,
Foolscap	15 ,,
Quils	1000
Ink powder	10 papers
Ink glasses	3
Sand boxes	3
Penknives	3
Scissars	4 pair
Hoan...	1
Ivory folders	3
Pencils	20
Tar	1 barrel
Flints	300
Padlocks	4
Glass lanthorns	2
Half hour glasses ...	2
Fowling pieces	2
Pistols	2 pair
Gunpowder country	12 maund
,, Europe	3 ,,
Lead...	2 slabs

RICHARD PRINCE.

Ingeram,
the 15th January, 1740-41

No. 17.

To the Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

About 4 a clock this afternoon we receiv'd your favour of the 27th by catamarans, and must in the first place return you many thanks for the supply of paddy you have sent us by two country boats which are safely arriv'd, and the promise you give us of a further supply. We are likewise in a particular manner obliged to your honour &ca, for the concern you express in not being able to comply with the other parts of our request in our favour of the 22d which will make us somewhat easier under our wants. They are indeed pressing enough, but as we have already acquainted you with them all, and endeavour'd to set forth our weaknesses to you in their true colours, as a duty incumbent upon us to our superiours, we shall not add further thereupon, but leave it to your honour &ca. for the future to assist us as you shall find it in your power.

We did not fail after the first action with the Morattas to caution our officers at the out-guards against firing at too great a distance, and to observe that good aim was taken which had so good an effect that by all accounts we did considerably more mischief in the second action, and at a much smaller expence of amunition. We cannot however with all our enquiry learn with any exactness the numbers slain of the enemy, as it is the custom of the Morattas to carry off their dead though at the imminent hazard of their lives. In this last expedition they plunder'd Trepopilore from whence we beleive they cou'd not carry off a very great booty. Our advices inform us they are now all gone to join the main army.

We shall observe your commands by Mr. Secretary Savage under the 26th instant, advising of the supply of paddy sent us.

Our packet for England by the *Prince William* is clos'd and all the papers were dated the 28th. We shall detain the said ship here till your further orders, and are obliged to your honour &ca. for complying with our desires in that respect.

We are, with much respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most obedient humble servants,

James Hubbard—Edward Croke—Thomas Eyre—Robert Allen—Charles Floyer.

Fort St. David,
29th January, 1740/41.

No. 18.

To the Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.,
President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

This serves only to inclose Captain Langworth's protest against detaining his ship in India beyond the time limitted by charterparty; our cash and Paymaster's accounts and other papers sent up monthly.

We are with much respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most obedient servants,
James Hubbard—Edward Croke—Thomas Eyre—Edward Harris—Robert Allen—Charles Floyer.

Fort St. David,
2d. February, 1740/41.

Whereas I, Thomas Langworth, Commander of ship *Prince William*, have applyed this day being the 31st January 1740/41 for my dispatches to England to the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David to whom the said ship is consigned by the President and Council of Fort St. George; and whereas the said Deputy Governour and Council have refused to grant me my dispatches to

England notwithstanding they have given the above said ship her full loading, and contrary to the express tenour of the charterparty between Francis Salvadore and John Raymond, merchants of London, part-owners of ship *Prince William* of the one part, and the United Company of merchants of England trading to the East Indies of the other part, which said charterparty limits the time of the detention of the said ship *Prince William* in India to the 31st January 1740/41, I, Thomas Langworth, therefore in consequence thereof do protest in behalf of the owners of said ship against the United Company of merchants of England trading to the East Indies, and the President and Council of Fort St. George, & the Deputy Governour & Council of Fort St. David, for all damages that may accrue to the owners of ship *Prince William* in the loss of or any accident that may befall the said ship by the detention of her in India beyond the time limited by charterparty as abovemention'd. In witness whereof, I do hereunto set my hand and seal in Fort St. David this 31st day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty.

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of John Spencer, Philip Pascoli.

THOMAS LANGWORTH.

No. 19.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

We received yesterday in the afternoon your favour of the 4th instant with the two packets for England by a mussoola, and about the same time the *Hardwicke* Captain Hallet anchor'd in our road, by whom we received duplicate of the said letter with the papers it inclosed.

As your honour &ca. are pleased to direct us to dispatch the *Hardwicke* to England if we do not think it absolutely necessary to detain her with us for the safety and defence of the place, we have taken that matter into our serious consideration and have resolved to dispatch her home in company with the *Prince William* tomorrow, as the damage the Honourable Company must sustain by keeping a ship with so valuable a cargo another season in the country is certain and great, and the danger we may be in from the Morattas is not so certain, and possibly they may not think of molesting us any more, agreeable to what the Nabob has wrote. We beg leave to remark that the circumstances of the place at present with regard to the Morattas are entirely the same as what advised your honour &ca. of in our last letter, the party that pass'd our bounds being return'd towards Trichonoply, and we hear of no other bodies or them moving this way; so that as no fresh occasion for apprehending danger further than what your honour &ca. have been acquainted with has since offer'd, we think we ought not to venture upon so extraordinary a step as detaining a ship of such value. We are further to remark that in case of the Moratta army or a considerable part of it coming against us our apprehensions are chiefly for Cuddalore, the weak condition of which we have several times hinted to your honour &ca. and particularly in our letters of the 19th of August & annual letter of the 8th January. We cannot indeed think that place can possibly hold out long against any considerable forces that shall attack it, nor do we believe that the few men we are allow'd by charterparty to demand out of the *Hardwicke* should she be detain'd could possibly in that case prevent its falling into the enemys hands.

We are obliged to your honour &ca. for the gang of 20 lascars that are to come upon the *George*, and for the rice design'd us by that ship and a country vessel which when arriv'd will be sufficient for the present. Should we be in want hereafter, which we hope we shall not, we shall not fail to advise your honour &ca. thereof. We should be very glad more lascars could be sent us, when you have an opportunity.

We are with much respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most obedient servants, JAMES HUBBARD—EDWARD CROKE—EDWARD HARRIS—ROBERT ALLEN—CHARLES FLOYER.

Fort St. David,
February the 8th, 1740/41.

No. 20.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

This serves to advise you that our Hon'ble masters ship *George* was dispatch'd the 16th instant and sailed the 18th out of Caringo road. Inclos'd comes duplicate of what I then wrote you, as also duplicate invoice and second bill of lading for one hundred and thirty (130) bales of calicoes put on board her at this place. As nothing of importance has since occurr'd I take the liberty to subscribe myself, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient humble servant,

RICHARD PRINCE.

Ingeram,
22d January, 1740/41.

No. 21.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

We gave Captains Langworth and Hallet their dispatches yesterday morning, and the *Prince William* and *Hardwicke* sail'd for England the same day at ½ an hour after four in the afternoon. The packets you recommended to our care were deliver'd Captain Langworth.

The *George* and boat *Latchmia* with supplies of rice arrived yesterday, and we received Mr. Secretary Savage's two letters accompanying it. We do not stand in need of any further supplies at present; when we do, we shall advise your honour &ca.

Inclosed are lists of our packets per *Prince William* and *Hardwicke*, and copies of all the necessary papers mention'd therein.

We are with much respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient servants, JAMES HUBBARD—EDWARD CROKE—THOMAS EYRE—EDWARD HARRIS—ROBERT ALLEN—CHARLES FLOYER.

Fort St. David,
10th February, 1740/41.

P.S. Hearing the *Cæsar* is arrived at Madrass we desire your honour &ca. will send us what men and powder for small arms you can spare us, should you have received any fresh supplies.

J. H.—E. C.—T. E.—, C. F.

TO THE HON'BLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE HON'BLE UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

Honourable,

Our last address to your honours was under the 20th January 1739 per ship *Shaftsbury*, Capt. Matthew Bookey, who sail'd from hence the 21st of the same month. This waits on your honours by the *Prince William* who arriv'd here the 9th instant in order to be dispatch'd from hence to England. We have accordingly supply'd her with 864 bales, being as many as she can take in, invoice of which and 44 bales laden on board her at Madrass, amounting to Pags. 67,993–7–64 and first bill of lading are inclos'd.

We have now remaining on hand 17 bales made up; at the beaters 146½; at the washers 134; at the dyers 5; in the godown, brown 112½ all which added to 412 bales sent up to Madrass, and 864 bales laden on this ship here, make this year's investment 1,691 bales. Our annual letter to the President and Council will inform your honours of what impediments we have met with in the investment, and will give you likewise a full account of our management of your affairs at this settlement, so that it is needless to enlarge here.

By this ship we have also sent your honours 3 chests of indigo of different sorts for musters. We believe it may be got cheaper if spoke for earlier in the year.

Inclos'd are all the necessary papers for your inspection, as your honours will observe by the list of the packet.

For what relates to the Morattas we beg leave to be referr'd to our letters to the Presidency this month.

We wish this ship safe to your honours and are with much respect, Honourable,

Your most faithfull humble servants,

James Hubbard—Edward Croke—Thomas Eyre—Edward Harris—Robert Allen—Charles Floyer.

Fort St. David,
January 28th, 1740/41.

To the Hon'ble the Court of Directors for affairs of the Hon'ble the United Company of merchants of England trading to the East Indies.

Honourable,

Our packet by the *Prince William* having been closed the 28th last month, in order to be ready for her dispatches so soon as we shou'd receive them from the President and Council, occasions this seperate address.

After the *Prince William* was very near loaded, we receiv'd a letter from the Presidency, dated the 20th last month, ordering her directly up to Madrass, but as very strong northerly winds blew at that time and were likely to continue as they did for above ten days, we thought it necessary to suspend those orders till we know that other resolutions the President and Council might take upon receiving our letter of the 18th which gave an account of the ravage of our bounds that day, and which they were ignorant of at the time of writing the above orders. The 23rd the Morattas enter'd our bounds a second time and plunder'd a few houses in Trepopilore, which we instantly sent an account of to our superiours, in which we gave our reasons at large for suspending their orders relating to the sending up the *Prince William* and which they were pleas'd to approve in their letter of the 27th last month.

The 7th instant we receiv'd a general letter from the President & Council of the 4th by the *Hardwicke* wherein they are pleased to leave it to us either to dispatch that ship home or to detain her here according to the circumstances this place may be in. We have accordingly taken the same into consideration and have resolv'd to dispatch her to your honours directly, as we conceive the damage to your honours affairs will be certain and great by detaining a ship with so valuable a loading on board another season in the country, and the dangers we apprehend from the Morattas coming against us are more uncertain, we having no advices at present of any bodies of them moving this way. The same day arriv'd a mussoola boat with the *Prince William's* dispatches, and a duplicate of the above letter; which ship we now dispatch in company with the *Hardwicke* and we hope they will both safely arrive with your honours.

All the necessary papers as per list thereof are inclos'd.

We are with much respect, Honourable, Your most faithfull humble servants,

James Hubbard—Edward Croke—Thomas Eyre—Edward Harris—Robert Allen—Charles Floyer.

Fort St. David,
9th February, 1740/41.

Postcript.

Captain Langworth has paid into your cash here 600 current pagodas for which we have given him three certificates and he has taken the usual oath prescrib'd in that case and likewise in regard to his private trade.

JAMES HUBBARD—EDWARD CROKE—EDWARD HARRIS—ROBERT ALLEN—CHARLES FLOYER.

No. 22.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

Last night we had advices from Chellumbrum that 2,000 Moratta horse, or as some say 4,000, were arriv'd from the southward to Chellumbrum villages, which they began to plunder, and this morning we hear they are posted round Chellumbrum, which place it is thought they will attack. It is reported by several hands that a large body is soon to follow them from Tritchanopoly, which will make their number 10,000. Shou'd this be true we have reason to believe they are design'd against Cuddalore, which place they talk much of. We have often represented the weakness of that place both in regard to the openness of it, and the very bare garrison that is kept there. The first defect we have endeavour'd to remedy as far as we are able, but the last is wholly out of our power. All that we can do therefore is to represent, as we have done, the condition of that fortification, and then to leave your honour &ca. to your own reflections and to resolve as you shall think proper thereupon. The great guns of 40 & 50 lb that are there, if the place should fall into an enemys hands, might be of great disservice not only to our Fort but even to Madrass. When we have time and can get new carriages made for some of the guns we lately receiv'd from your honour &ca., we propose to dismount those very large guns, and place these in their room, but at present that cannot be done.

We can't now get any charcoal out of the country, and having but very little sea-coal, all our smiths must stand still in three or four days. We beg therefore your honour &ca. will be pleas'd to supply us with the sea-coal and the other wares and stores mention'd in the inclos'd indents as soon as conveniently you can.

We are with much respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most obedient servants,

JAMES HUBBARD—EDWARD CROKE—THOMAS EYRE—EDWARD HARRIS—ROBERT ALLEN—CHARLES FLOYER.

Fort St. David,
February 12th, 1740/41.

INDENT OF STORES WANTING AT FORT ST. DAVID, FEBRUARY 12TH, 1740/41.

Lead	20 candy.
Saltpetre	
Europe match	
Europe pistol powder what can be spar'd.	
Flints	5,000 or more if to be had.
Sea-coal	500 parras.
Cartridge paper	500 quires.
Hand saws	6
Frame saws	2
Small augurs	6
Small bolt iron of several sorts	2 candy.
Wood oyl	2 jarrs.
Bengall gee good	12 ,,
Spunge staves	25
Dark lanthorns	6

Errors excepted,
(per) CHARLES FLOYER,
Storekeeper.

INDENT FOR WARES WANTING IN THE WAREHOUSE VIZT.

Broadcloth, fine scarlet ... ... 1 bale.

Broadcloth, ordinary vizt.

Grass green ... 2 }
Blew ... ... 2 } ... ... 4 pieces.

Perpetuanoes, ordinary vizt.

Yellow ... ... 5 }
Green ... ... 5 } ... ... 15 pieces.
Blew ... ... 5 }

For the use of the Military,—

Broadcloth, ordinary vizt. Red—10 bales; Blew—2 bales.

Fort St. David,
February the 12th, 1740/41.

EDWARD CROKE,
Warehousekeeper.

No. 23.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

I now dispatch the *Rebecca* brig, with eighty five bales as per invoice and bill of lading inclosed.

There is likewise twenty six bales of turn'd out cloth fine which I notice to your honour &ca. because your honour &ca. were pleased to order me to take in none under seventy two covids, and in the account of cloth last sent I find an O chop. Therefore if your honour &ca. think proper to let it be measured and sorted, and can take any of it in on account of the Hon'ble Company, I shall be very well satisfied.

I will venture to promise your honour &ca. a better investment this year than last and hope to your honour &cas. satisfaction.

Inclosed is journal parcel and cash account for last month, as also indent of wares and stores wanting here.

I am with the greatest respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most obedient humble servant,

Maddapollam,
January 29th, 1740/41.

JOSEPH GODDARD.

INDENT OF STORES WANTING AT MADDAPOLLAM THE YEAR OF OUR LORD GOD 1741 :—

Mediam paper	10 quires
Post	10 do.
Demmy	10 do.
Foolscap	10 do.
Pencils	4 do.
Scissars pair	2
Quills	200
Penknives of the best sort	2
Ivory	2
Squair to cut paper	1
Hone	1
Ink glasses	3
Ink papers	6
Half hour glass	1
Gunpowder	25 lb.
Leadshot	25 lb.
Flints	50

Powder horns	...	...	...	3
Pounce	...	...	...	4 oz.
Tarr one barrell	...	...	...	1
Rulers	...	...	...	2

Two worms and one iron rodd for the arms; six door locks; gunneys 500; ropes 3 candy; twine 1 candy.

JOSEPH GODDARD.

ADDITIONAL INDENT FOR WARES & STORES WANTING AT MADDAPOLLAM.

18 yards superfine scarlet.
18 do. superfine green.
1 pair of handsome looking glasses.
2 handsome fowling pieces.
2 chests of rosewater.
4 pieces gold flower'd silks.
2 dozen scissars with brass handles.
1 dozen spectacles.
1 do. penknifes in sheaths.
2 pieces scarlet fine.
4 do. aurora.
2 do. ordinary green.
2 do. perpetuanoes red.

Maddapollam,
29th January, 1740/41.

JOSEPH GODDARD.

No. 24.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

The 19th ultimo by the *George* we wrote the needfull and the 23rd we adressed you by the *Miss Jenny*. Duplicates by both conveyances comes enclosed as likewise a second pair of our generall books with the ship *Georges* account of expences, cash and Paymasters accounts for December.

By the ballance of our December cash your honour &ca. will please to observe at what a low ebb the pagodas are; and now we have been wrote too both from Maddapollam and Ingeram for a supply, but the whole of their request we are unable to comply with; therefore we have devided what pagodas we have left between them by sending in company with these peons to each settlement four thousand pagodas under a proper guard of peons.

By a vessel which passed thro' our road yesterday from Ballasore, we were inform'd that the Nabobs of Cuttack and Muxadavad were aproaching each other and that when he left Ballasore which he was obliged to do with half his cargo, the two armies was no more than four leagues from each other and it was hourly expected they wou'd come to a decisive battle. We are happy at present in haveing the country round about us in perfect peice, which, if cotton cheapens, will we hope be a means of makeing a tolerable investment this season. This being what at this juncture offers, we subscribe with all submission, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient humble servants,

Vizagapatam,
January the 27th, 1740/41.

CHARLES SIMPSON—THOMAS SAUNDERS.

No. 25.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

We have receiv'd your favour of the 16th instant and two letters from Mr. Secretary Savage, one advising of 10,000 flints being sent us on a chelinga, and

the other inclosing the invoice and bill of lading of wares and stores sent by the *Mary* brigantine, which are all safely arriv'd.

In answer to what your honour &ca. are pleas'd to write us concerning Cuddalore, we beg leave to say we have done and shall continue to do all that lyes in our power for its preservation, and to prevent its falling into an enemys hands if possible, which might be indeed attended with melancholy consequence. We hope the Morattas may not have any designs to attack it, and we think the care that is taken in keeping people constantly on all the guards there will prevent its being surpriz'd. But our duty to our Hon'ble masters requir'd us to represent its danger in case of a strong attack, concerning which our sentiments are still the same as mention'd in our last. Our out-guards remain at present mann'd; but as soon as we hear of the Morattas being masters of Tritchanopoly our intentions are immediately to withdraw them, without waiting to know what rout they take, which if it shou'd be this way might be so quick as to prevent us. We shou'd be glad if this meets with your honour &cs. approbation.

We hope the advices your honour &ca. mention of Nazar Mullmulluck coming this way with his army may prove true, as this wou'd probably oblige the Morattas soon to return to their own country, but we can't find by any advices we can get from the southward that they are in any great haste to be gone, and our last letters from Arcot received two days ago mention that Nazar Mulmulluck was gone from Aurungabad towards Surat upon advice of the death of Tegbeg Caun, the Governour of that place.

Three days ago the Deputy Governour receiv'd an answer from Ragojee Bonsalo to the letter he sent him, copy of which in the Moratta language and translate we now inclose. As the hurkarahs who brought the former letter from Ragoajee Bonsalo did not return hither from Madrass as they promised, we sent our letter by a Braminy and peon from hence, which Braminy was the bearer of the letter now sent us. He tells us that Ragoajee Bonsla on his delivering the letter from hence ask'd him why he brought an empty letter and no money and that he seem'd for sometime to expect a sum of money from hence; but after some discourses he had with three of his chief officers he tells us that those expectations seem'd to be dropp'd and that he was assur'd by some of those officers, that if we sent a vakeel with a present, consisting of some curious and pretty things, it wou'd be well accepted, and we shou'd not be troubled with disputes for the future. We cannot indeed see any inconvinience that can attend the sending a vakeel and that it will noways forward any demand they may pretend to make upon us. On the contrary it may rather prevent it. But in such case it will be necessary to send a present with him. We leave this matter however to your honour &cas. consideration and beg the favour, if you shou'd think a vakeel and present necessary, you wou'd be pleas'd to send us a few handsome things, such as you shall think proper for that purpose as soon as possible, we being but ill supplied with any matters fit for such an occasion. Our Braminy advises us that he cou'd not learn that the letters sent by the Hon'ble President to Ragoajee Bonsla and Phutta Sing have been ever deliver'd, or that the persons that were charg'd with them were arriv'd at Tritchanopoly.

Our latest advices from Tritchanopoly mention that the Morattas have carried on their approaches within a few fathoms of the ditch, and had got ready abundance of bundles of straw and fascines for filling up the ditch, so that it was expected they wou'd be masters of the place in a few days.

The confusion and hurry we were in on the *Prince William's* dispatch occasion'd us to forget to demand of Capt. Langworth an obligation for the surplus tonnage to be on half-freight, which we are sorry for, but hope the Hon'ble Company will not be sufferers thereby.

The four quarter barrels of pistol powder that came by the *Mary* were quite cak'd and clotted together and not fit for any use, unless new grain'd which our people can't do well here, and we shall therefore return them to your honour &ca. by the first opportunity. The other powder was all in a very good condition.

The Master of the sloop *Carolina* has deliver'd us a letter wherein he acquaints us of the little probability there is of getting the vessel out of the river this year and desires his discharge. The said letter we inclose and desire your honour &cas. permission for his discharge, his staying here being of little use to the Hon'ble Company, though it is an expence to them of 18 Pags. a month.

We inclose the accounts of expences for the month of January and cash account for February, ballance whereof is Pags. 26,907-30-11.

We are with much respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient servants,

James Hubbard—Edward Croke—Thomas Eyre—Edward Harris—Robert Allen—Charles Floyer.

Fort St. David,
28th February, 1740/41.

To the Worshipfull James Hubbard Esqr.,
Deputy Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Worshipfull sir and sirs.

The barr of Cuddalore river being shut up so as to admit of no probability of getting the Hon'ble Company's sloop *Carolina* out this year if next, and as it will be of great disservice to me to continue here this season, I humbly beg of your worship &c. Council to grant me my discharge.

I am, worshipfull sir and sirs, your most obedient humble servant,

Fort St. David,
February the 26, 1740/41. Henry Harris.

Translate of a letter from Ragoajee Bonsalla to James Hubbard Esqr., Deputy Governour of Fort St. David.

I enjoy perfect health, and hope you do the same. I received your letter and understand the contents. Naganauthia is arriv'd with me from you, and has told me something concerning your friendship, which has given me joy and which I desire may increase, as I am well assur'd of your being observant of your word and of your regard to my countrymen from a long time past. You expect our friendship and are wishing to cultivate it, but at the same time are scrupulous of sending a proper vakeel to me for that purpose, which surprizes me. You may safely lay aside your suspicions and send one to me. You say that I wrote you, Oppajee Vittal wou'd send you a letter, but that you have receiv'd none from him. He wou'd have wrote you, but was prevented by hearing of the confinement of his family & people by Monsr. Dumas, the Governor of Pondicherry, without any colour of reason. Oppajee Vittal has been an old servant in my country, and the French likewise are in perfect friendship with my countrymen. He has been a long time under the protection of them but since he has come hither, they, have, through malice offer'd some indignities to his people. Are not the Europeans a just & upright people and steady to their promises? They ought not to forfeit that character. You may therefore advise the French to release the abovesaid Braminy's family and children. Don't fail in this particular. Though Oppajee Vittal was in the wrong still he is under my protection and therefore the French wou'd do well not to bring a discredit upon them. As to other matters you are a very ingenious and sensible man. We came into this province to settle everything in a fair condition, on which account we are now before Tritchanopoly. I expected that you wou'd have us'd your endeavours to assist me in every thing, but have as yet seen no instance of your kindness to me, which is not right, and gives me room to blame you. However as our friendship is renew'd, you may be assured I will prevent any one from giving you any molestation. What else I have to say to you Naga[na]udia will inform you. What can I say more.

No. 26.

To the Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.,
President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

We have receiv'd your favour of the 6th and the present accompanying it intended for Ragoajee Bonslo. We hope your honour &ca. will forgive us if upon so nice an occasion we take notice that your honour &ca. have entirely omitted Phutta Sing in the compliment, who is the Commander-in-chief. When we wrote upon this subject to your honour &ca. we expected only that, had you thought a present necessary, you wou'd have sent us down a few things, and left them to be divided by us in the most proper manner we cou'd think of, as has been generally the case on other the like occasions, and therefore we omitted mentioning Phutta Sing at all. But we are really apprehensive, if a present is sent to Ragoajee Bonsla alone and not to the other, that it will be so far from being of service that it will rather incense both and that Ragoajee Bonslo will never receive it. As we think this must be the consequence, we beg leave to defer sending it till we have your further directions. If your honour &ca. shou'd agree with us that a present be sent to each of the Generals, we can in this case divide what now sent, and add some other matters we can pick up here so as to make the present to both pretty near equal. If this be approv'd by your honour &ca, we imagine the Hon'ble President will send down a letter to Phutta Sing also to be sent with the other. We think this a matter of great importance and have therefore presum'd to delay sending the presents till we have your further orders which we beg we may be favour'd with as soon as possible.

We are with respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most obedient servants,

James Hubbard — Edward Croke— Thomas Eyre—Edward Harris— Robert Allen—Charles Floyer.

Fort St. David,
11th March, 1740/41.

No. 27.

To the Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.,
President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

Mr. Simpson having inform'd me some time past that they had no Madrass pagodas remaining at Vizagapatam, and as we have hitherto had a favourable season for cotton and the merchants desiring to be well supplyed with money that they may be able to secure their weavers and prevent them from engaging elswhere, I take the liberty to request your honour &ca. will be pleased to provide for us in time that they may not be disappointed when they have an opportunity of doing business.

By the assistance of Imaum Sahib, the French pagodas are become as current in these parts as ours; the merchants and banyans finding that the Nabob takes them at the same discount make no scruple to receive them. This affects us but little at present in comparison to their taking such quantitys of bad cloth; their measure is actually four covids shorter than ours, which is the reason that out of a hundred pieces I have often times met with no more than fifteen or twenty that have come up to our measure.

I am with great respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most obedient and most humble servant,

Richard Prince.

Ingeram,
the 21st February, 1740/41.

No. 28.

To the Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.,

President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

We have receiv'd the duplicate of your favour of the 13th instant, advising of two boxes containing goods for presents being sent on a mussoolah, which is not arriv'd.

Yesterday in the afternoon we received advice that Tritchanopoly is surrender'd to the Morattas by agreement, and that Chunda Sahib is to pay 14 lack of rupees, half whereof to be paid there, and the other half after Chunda Sahib is arriv'd at Pondicherry, for security of which Chunda Sahib's son-in-law, Francisco Pareiro and Aubit Sahib are to remain as hostages in the Moratta Camp. It is said after the Morattas have settled matters to the southward they will come to Gingey, so that they may be shortly expected in these parts. We have begun to withdraw our out-Guards and hope to have all our people as well as guns in by tomorrow.

We are in great want of fanams, three or four thosand pagodas worth of which we beg your honour &ca., to supply us with by boat or overland, as you judge proper, as soon as possible.

We are with much respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient servants,

James Hubbard—Edward Croke—Thomas Eyre—Robert Allen.

Fort St. David,

19th March, 1740/41.

No. 29.

To the Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.,

President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

The 20th instant we receiv'd a letter from Mr. Secretary Savage by the mussoolahs that brought the two boxes containing several articles for presents, together with the list of the said goods and the Hon'ble President's letter to Phutta Sing.

We got the several articles for presents divided and made up on Monday the 23d instant and sent them away early the next morning in company with the vakeel. We inclose the account of the presents, copies of the Deputy Governour's letters to the two Generals, and our instructions to the vakeel which are as near as cou'd be agreeable to what your honour &ca. have been pleased to write us on this head. By the account of the present, your honour &ca. will be pleas'd to observe that what sent to the two Generals amounts to but a small matter more than the value of what sent by your honour &ca. for them; but the exceedings in the present as now sent are chiefly owing to what is allotted to the officers, who, we are inform'd, have so considerable an influence over the Generals as to be able to prejudice them against us, unless they are brought over to be our friends. We hope this matter may be attended with success, and that the Moratta Generals will accept the present in a kind manner, and lay aside the thoughts of any demands either on Madrass or this place; but our hopes in this respect wou'd have been much stronger, cou'd the present have been sent so as to arrive with them before they were masters of Tritchanopoly which was surrend[er'd] to them the 13th instant. As it is we can't say, but we are somewhat doubtfull of the success, and our doubts are increas'd by w[hat] we have heard of the French designs, who we are told are preparing a present of a very considerable value for the Morattas, to which ours bears but a very small proportion, but of this we have no[t] yet receiv'd advices that can certainly be depended upon. We hope however for the best. We were puzzled to find a man proper to be sent as a vakeel. He whom we have sent is reckon'd a man of good sense, has been long an inhabitant here, and has a family in the place. He us'd to be one of Tomby

Chitty's goamastahs whilst he enter'd into contracts with the Company in this place, and we belei[ve] is pretty well-known at Madrass. We hope the appointing him vakeel, as well as the other steps we have taken with regard to th[e] present, will meet with your honour &cas. approbation.

Upon the first advice of Tritchanopoly's being taken, we begun withdrawing our out-guards; and the men, guns and ammunition are wholly brought away from Chem[un]dulum, Trepopilore and Bandipollam ; but we yet keep Patcharee point, and Tevnepatam gate mann'd for the security of that town.

We hear nothing particular from Tritchanopoly [fur]ther than that the greatest part of the army is drawn out for the space of four or five leagues to the northward of that place [and] that they design to march to the northward, but whether towards the sea coast or no is not known. Ten thousand horse it is said will be sent to take possession of Gingey.

We are with respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient servants,

James Hubbard—Edward Croke—Thomas Eyre—Edward Harris—Robert Allen —Charles Floyer.

Fort St. David,
March 27th. 1741.

P.S.

We forgot to tell your honour &ca. above that we are in very great want of fanams. There are scarce any in the place, and we know not what we shall do to pay the garrison. We beg therefore you will send us a supply upon receipt of this.

J.H.—E.C.—T.E.—R.A.

ACCOUNT OF PRESENTS SENT TO THE MORATTA GENERALS &CA. IN COMPANY WITH COOPIAH, VAKEEL.

Chest	FOR FUTTA SING.										
1	China gold flower'd kimtoans	7 pieces at Pags. 12	84	...	...						
	Silk gauze	2 at 10	20	...	...						
	China flower'd velvets	6 at 16	96	...	...						
	Cossaes fine	5 at 5	25	..	...						
	Mulmuls	6 at 5	30	...	...						
	Susanaes	6 at 3	18	...	...						
	Green velvet	1	68	23	35						
						341	23	35			
1	Broadcloth, scarlet & yellow ...	1 ...				110	...	...			
	Silk carpits	2 at 20				40	...	...			
	Malacca beads with pearls	...				185	...	...			
Box 1	Pistols	1 pair.				25	...	...			
Chest 1	Rosewater	...				24	...	...			
									725	23	5
	FOR RAGHOJEE BONSLO.										
1	China gold flower'd kimtoans	7 pieces at Pags. 12	84	...	...						
	Silk gauze	2 at 10	20	...	...						
	China flower'd velvets	6 at 16	96	...	...						
	Cossaes fine	5 at 5	25	...	...						
	Mulmuls	6 pieces at Pags. 5	30	..	...						
	Susanees	6 at 3	18	...	...						
	Velvet yellow	1	54	24	30						
Chest		33 pieces				327	24	30			
1	Broadcloth, scarlet and green ...	1 piece.				110	...	...			
	Silk carpets	2				40	...	...			
	Malacca beads with pearls	...				185	...	...			
Box 1	Pistols	1 pair.				25	...	...			
Chest 1	Rosewater					24	...	...			
									711	24	30
	FOR FUTTA SINGS OFFICERS.										
Chest 1	China flower'd velvets	2 at 16	32	...	...						
	Lute-string flower'd	3 at 8	24	...	...						
	Kimtoans gold flower'd	6 at 12	72	...	...						
	Doreas strip'd fine	6 at 5	30	...	...						
	Cossae buttedars large	2 at 3½	7	...	...						
	Ditto, small	3 at 2½	7	18	...						
	Doreas Dum	2 at 3½	7	...	...						
	Mulmul buttedar	1	3	...	...						
	Cossaes flower'd	5 at 2½	12	18	...						
						195	...	...			
3	1 Broadcloth, scarlet	2 at 29	58	..	...						
	Embossd cloth green ground	1	19	30	45						
	Crimson velvets	6 at 12	72	...	...	149	30	45			
8	Small chests and 2 boxes	...							344	30	45
Chest	FOR RAGOJEE BONSLOS OFFICERS.										
No. 4-1	China flower'd velvets	2 pieces at Pags. 16	32	...	...						
	Lute-strings flower'd	3 at 18	24	...	..						
	Gold flower'd kimtoanes	6 at 12	72	...	...						
	Cossaes flower'd	5 at 2½	12	18	...						
	Mulmul buttedar	1	3	...	...						
	Doreas dum	2 at 3½	7	...	...						
	Cossae buttedar large	2 at 3½	7	...	...						
	Ditto small	3 at 2½	7	18	...						
	Doreas strip'd	6 at 5	30	...	...						
		30 pieces.				195	...	...			
No. 4-1	Broad cloth scarlet	2 pieces at 29	58	...	...						
	Crimson velvets	6 at 12	72	...	...						
	Embossd cloth	1	19	30	45						
		9 pieces.				149	30	45			
	TO BE DISTRIBUTED AS THE VAKEEL SHALL SEE OCCASION.								344	30	45
						20	...	...			
No. 5-1	Silk carpits	1				58	...	.			
	Broad cloth scarlet	2				16	...	..			
	Flower'd velvet	1							94	...	..
1	Chest of China and Europe small glass and lacker'd wares &ca.					57	23	...			
	I Sword gilt mounted					8	...	...			
	Malacca beads	1,500				10	...	...			
	Almonds	10 maund				17	18	...			
	Kissmishes	10 Ditto				22	18	..			
1	Box Camere obscure					11	..	...	126	36	...
	Pagodas ...								2347	23	75

To Phutta sing, the Chief general of Moratta army, dated the 23d of March 1741.

The Governour of Madrass to whom I am subordinate having sent a vakeel to wait upon your Excellency with some small matters which he begs your acceptance of, I take this opportunity to pay my respects to your Excellency by the said vakeel and to desire you will be pleas'd to honour me with your friendship which I shall always greatly esteem. I send inclos'd the list of the things sent by the Governour of Madrass.

I beg leave to congratulate your Excellency on your late success at Tritchanopoly and wish you the same happiness in all your other affairs. I always wish for your Excellency's health. What can I say more.

To Raghjoee Bonslo.

I paid my respects to your Excellency about 10 days ago by Naganada who I doubt not is long since arriv'd with you. This only waits upon your Excellency to accompany the vakeel and some little matters the Governour of Madrass has sent to your Excellency in token of his respect, which are as by the list inclos'd and which I hope will meet with your Excellency's favourable acceptance. I congratulate your Excellency on your late happy success at Tritchanopoly and wish you the like good success in all your undertakings. I always wish for your health and beg you will be pleas'd to continue to honour me with your friendship.

Instructions to Coopia, the vakeel sent to the Moratta generals from the Governour of Fort St. George.

You are hereby order'd to make the best of your way to the Moratta Generals, Phutta Sing and Raghojee Bonslo, at Tritchanopoly, where upon your arrival you are to deliver them the letters from the Governour of Fort St. George and the Deputy Governour of Fort St. David, and likewise the presents under your care, and acquaint them they came from the Governour of Fort St. George and are intended as a testimony and an earnest of the friendship he is willing to cultivate with them. That for that purpose you are sent as a vakeel from the Governour of Madrass agreeable to their invitation. The presents are to be distributed as follows: The one box of beeds with two boxes number 1 for Futta Sing, another box of beeds with the two boxes number 2 for Raghojee Bonslo; the two boxes number 3 for Futta Sing's officers; the two boxes number 4 for Raghojee Bonslo's officers, beside which there is one box number 5; one chest of glass and lacker'd wares, and one English box, being things we could not equally sort, and therefore leave them to be distributed by you among the officers as you shall think most proper. There is likewise a sword and some Malacca beads for Ram Shasharow, Chief Officer of Raghojee Bonslo, to whom you are to apply yourself particularly as we are inform'd he is most inclin'd to serve us and will be ready to assist you in anything you may want. The almonds and kissmishes are for the Generals.

As it is possible you may receive some proposals from the Generals prejudicial to our interest, in such case you are to answer that they are matters concerning which you are not instructed and can say nothing to them without further directions. If notwithstanding this they shou'd tell you to send for such directions, you must not fail to set forth in the fullest light the improbability that such proposals will be complied with on our part and to desire them not to press you to write for any instructions upon matters which you know will be disagreeable, and can only serve to create uneasiness and a coolness in the friendship between us. You will not want arguments to set forth the justice and integrity of the English and the sincerity of their professions, which you may likewise alledge against any disagreeable propositions that they make to you. You are to observe to write as often as possible to the Governour of Madrass as well as here an exact account of all that passes.

No. 30.

To the Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.,
President and Governour &ct. Council of Fort St. George.

Honourable sir and sirs,

The *Miss Jenny* imported the 19 ultimo, with your Secretary's letter of the 13 of the same, incloseing invoice and bill of loading for wares and stores sent upon her in which there was a difficiencie of twine of 4½ maund, a bagg of oakam being putt on board instead of it, which the syrang protests was the same that was sent on board for he neither see it nor weigh'd it on shore.

Upon looking over the broadcloth sent on the *Jenny* the Warehousekeeper found the embossed cloth so full of worm holes that it is of little or no value; therefore if your honour &ca. approves of it it shall be return'd by the first conveyance from hence.

On a vessel that arrived at Punda Marka we received your favour of the 26 ultimo the 5 instant.

When the sloop intended us arrives we shall not fail of sending what Madrass rupees can be spared to the Bay. As our cash then will be pretty low, we hope your honour &ca. will please to send us some Arcott rupees in their stead.

With regard to the omission of the amount of the Upparra present, we must acknowledge it to be a fault which hereafter shall be more narrowly lookt to, to prevent the like. The amount of that present with durbar charges is fifty three pagodas, eighteen fanams.

We are sorry to receive such heavie complaints from your honour &ca. of the cloth sent upon the *Richard* and *Jenny* which in future we hope to give no occasion for. Whatever glosses or pretences you are please to think we make for the smallness of our investment we must begg leave to assure your honour &ca. that we have wrote nothing of the dearness of cotton last year that is repugnant to truth; it is no wonder the Ingeram investment exceeds ours, that place being very happily sittuated in the very center of the cotton country, which if it is brought to us from thence must pay on the road great juncans, besides the proffit the vender will expect for his trouble.

Having no hopes of ever seeing the *Vankatash* whereon was wares and stores for this place, if your honour &ca. approves of it, we'l write it off to proffit and loss.

In future your orders shall be punctually obeyd and our diarys and Consultations shall be sent by the next conveyance. We now send our cash and Paymasters accounts for January and February.

Mr. Simpson received letters from our Nabob at Chickacull, to pay our kistie money into Cashimcoat, he haveing placed a relation there to be Phousdar. Rather than to have disputes about triffles with the Government, we have complied, the muzendars receipts from thence being as authentick as from Chickacull; but by what we have heard, their design by that means is to gett a present from us the value of which we know not, but lett it be what it will we think it unadvisable in any degree to Comply untill we have your honour &ca. orders for it, as it was never customary to give anything to that Phousdarship.

Inclosed is a list of wares and stores much wanted at this settlement.

We are with the greatest respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most obedient humble servants,

Charles Simpson—Thomas Saunders.

Vizagapatam,
the 8th March, 1740/41.

No. 31.

To the Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.,
President and Governour of Fort St. George &ca. Council.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

We have receiv'd your favours of the 10th & 26th January past per ships *Mercury* and *Galatea* which came to hand the 3rd and 17th instant, with copy of

your letter to the Hon'ble the Court of Directors, dated the 26th January, and are greatly concern'd to hear that the Morattoes have plunder'd so many places within your province, also at the extraordinary demands they make on your honour &ca. and the apprehension you are under that you may be obliged to detain the *Hardwicke* until the next season.

By this sloop we send your honour &ca. eight hundred bags saltpetre and one thousand gunny bags (the latter for the use of Fort Marlborough) with fifty chests of gunpowder and a quantity of small arms and flints as per invoice and bill of lading enclosed amounting to current rupees 11,279-3-0. We have directed the Master, William Mitter, to proceed to Fort St. David and there to deliver such stores as may be wanted to the Worshipful James Hubbard Esqr., Deputy Governour &ca. Council there, and from thence to your honour &ca.; and we shall in a very few days dispatch two more with a further supply of petre, arms and gun-powder.

In ours of the 30th December last we advised your honour &ca. of the unsettled state of this country on account a dispute between Alliverdee Cawn our Subah and Musseid Cooly Cawn, the Nabob of Cuttack, for the surrender of that province to the former. We have this day receiv'd advice from our Chief at Ballasore that a battle was fought on the 3rd instant near that place where Musseid Cooly Cawn was routed and fled with part of the remains of his army to Cuttack, tho' it was at first confidently reported that he took shipping and put to sea as it was that Alliverdee Cawn was kill'd. Alliverdee Cawn after the battle march'd on towards Cuttack and halted at Buddruck about half way to that place, his army being in want of provisions and on report that the Raja of Jackernaut had joined Musseid Cooly Cawn with a considerable body of men; so that it is highly probable Musseid Cooly Cawn will make further resistance before he quits that province; and what induces us the readier to beleive this is that it is given out he is in expectation of being assisted by Nazar Mul Mulk's son, the Sabah of Golconda.

These commotions have made us think it absolutely necessary for the safety of our Hon'ble masters' effects to keep a larger number of men than usual at some of our subordinate factorys particularly at Cossimbuzar, whereby the garrison here is so much drain'd that we are sorry to accquaint your honour &ca. that we imagine we shall not be able to supply you with any recruits, but we are now using our utmost endeavours to raise men which if it can be done, we shall not fail to send your honour &ca. as many as we can on our sloops and the ships that are shortly to leave this place.

On the 9th and 10th January, our Hon'ble masters ships, the *Princess of Wales* and *Heathcote*, sail'd from Ingellee for Great Britain and the *Durrington*, Captain Crabb, was dispatch'd from hence on the 9th instant and we hear she left Ingellee on the 14th.

We are Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most humble servants,

Thomas Braddyll—Francis Russell—John Forster—William Davis—William Barwell.

Fort William,
the 19th February, 1740/41.

No. 32.

To the Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.,
President and Governour of Fort St. George &ca. Council.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

The inclosed is duplicate of what we wrote your honour &ca. per *Calcutta* sloop. We now dispatch to your port the *Princess Louisa* sloop, Jonathan Ransom, Master, and the *Fort St. George* sloop, William Hilman, Master, with a further supply of saltpetre and other stores, the invoices and bills of lading for which are in our packet per each sloop, on the *Princess Louisa* amountin[g] to current rupees 11,092-10-6 and on the *Fort St. George* sloop to current rupees

8,416-6-6; and we have on the three sloops dispatch'd to you loaded as much gunpowder and as many small arms as w[e] possibly could spare from our own occasions.

We are greatly concern'd that in the present posture of your affairs we are not able to send you any recruits on these sloops. At the same time we must assure your honour &ca. that we have used our best endeavours to raise men but without success.

Yesterday came advice from Mr. Coteswörth at Ballasore, dated the 21st instant, that Alliverdee Cawn was in possession of the city of Cuttack which Musseid Cooly Cawn and his family had quitted sometime before.

We are Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most humble servants,

THOMAS BRADDYLL—FRANCIS RUSSELL—JOHN FORSTER—W. DAVIS—WILLIAM BARWELL.

Fort William,
the 27th February, 1740/41.

No. 33.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

This serves only to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from Mr. Secretary Savage of the 24th ultimo, accompanying 4,000 pagodas worth of fanams which turn'd out right, and to inclose our accounts of expences for February and cash account for last month, ballance whereof is Pags. 21,055-10-29.

We are with respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most obedient servants,

JAMES HUBBARD—EDWARD CROKE—THOMAS EYRE—EDWARD HARRIS—ROBERT ALLEN—CHARLES FLOYER.

Fort St. David,
2d April, 1741.

No. 34.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

This serves to advise that we have laden 98 bales of our Hon'ble master's calicoes on board the *Mary* brigantine, the invoice of which amounting to Pags. 7,119-13-30, and first bill of lading are inclos'd. We have 200 bales more ready embaled, which we reserve for the *George* when she shall be ordered up; though if your honour &ca. have no immediate occasion for her we think it will be of service that she be kept here sometime longer as she may be of some little help to us, shoul'd the Morattas come against us, which whether they may design or no, we can yet make no certain judgment by any advices we can get.

We are with respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most obedient servants,
JAMES HUBBARD—EDWARD CROKE—THOMAS EYRE—EDWARD HARRIS—ROBERT ALLEN.

Fort St. David,
3d April, 1741.

No. 35.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

The 1st instant arriv'd here sloop *Calcutta*, William Miller, Master, consign'd to us with stores from the President and Council of Fort William, a copy of whose letter to us we send you inclos'd. Of the stores we have taken 30 chests cannon and 20 chests musquet powder, 2,000 flints and sixty sword belts. The remainder we have sent to your honour &ca.

We return your honour &ca. by this sloop the four quarter-barrels of pistol powder sent us by the *Mary*, which we advis'd your honour &ca. in our letter of the 28th February were cak'd and good for nothing.

We are with much respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most obedient servants,

James Hubbard—Edward Croke—Thomas Eyre—Robert Allen—Charles Floyer.

Fort St. David,
4th April, 1741.

To the Worshipfull Jame[s] Hubbard Esqr.,
Deputy Governour &ca. Council at Fort St. David.

Worshipfull sir and sirs,

At the request of the Hon'ble the President and Council at Fort St. George we have ordered this sloop the *Calcutta*, William Miller, Master, to proceed to your port. She has on board eight hundred bags saltpetre, thirty chests cannon and twenty chests musquet powder, also sixty musquets with bayonets and pouches to them, and ten thousand flints. If any of these stores are wanted for the use of your factory, you will please to take them on shore, and order the master to proceed to Fort St. George with the remainder.

We are Worshipfull sir and sirs, Your most humble servants,

Thomas Braddyll—Francis Russell—John Forster—William Barwell.

Fort William,
the 19th February, 1740/41.

No. 36.

To the Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.,
President and Governour of Fort St. George &ca. Council.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

We take this opportunity by the ship *Grandison* to request that your honour &ca. will please to let us have two thirds of the treasure our Hon'ble masters may think proper to send us out on their ships this season in bullion and the other third coin'd into equal proportions of Madrass and Arcot rupees, agreeable to what we wrote on that head under date the 5th January 1739/40.

We are Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most humble servants,

Thomas Braddyll—John Forster—W. Davis—William Barwell—John Halsey.

Fort William,
the 2d March, 1740/41.

No. 37.

To the Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.,
President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

The 9th instant by ship *Kent*, I was honoured with your honour &ca. letter, dated 6th ultimo, wherein you are pleased to take notice of two which I wrote in December concerning the revolution in these countries; and have now to acquaint your honour &ca. that the new powers have extended their conquest as high as Prone which city they took possession of the 21st of January last, without any kind of opposition; the Burmars being fled toward Ava to a man as also the Europeans and other strangers, except Mr. Golightly and a very few Mores and Malabars who thought best to throw themselves upon the conquerors and by that means have got safe here under their protection, of which and their friendship I have not yet had the least occasion to doubt, but on the contrary am obliged to wave many offers that are made me from court. And in regard to the probability of their establishing themselves in possession of the Government, I realy think it depends altogether upon their own care and fidelity to themselves, for the

Burmas are actually so infected with fear that they will not attempt a recovery by arms, whatever they may try to do by other treacherous means, which I am no ways apprehensive they will be able to effect, but beleive the new powers will not rest till they have compleated their conquest toward which they are preparing an army to go against Ava, and the Pegue court have appointed proper persons to settle and govern the towns, aldeas and country already conquered. Your honour &ca. will I beg be pleased to excuse my being surprized at the intimation your honour &ca. seem to have had, from whom or from what ground I know not, of my precipitation in helping and supporting the new powers, but since it becometh not me to expostulate with your honour &ca. the matter of fact from my journal.

After the Prince of Pegue was cut of which was on the 18th day of November, the government of Syrian raised an army to secure the passes that were inlets into this province from which time we had nothing but continual contradictory alarms that the enemy were comeing. Four days before Syrian was taken, the Prince sent me an order from the Rounda to dismount the factory guns and send them to the Alfantigo. Whereupon I immidiately withdrew them. [To] mention the daily reports that were spread would be troublesome and useless to your honour &ca.; wherefore I take leave to proceed to the very day the new powers made their incursion which was December the 4th about sunrise at which time Capt. Collings forced my chamber door informing me that the Peguers and Siamers had in tumult and violence entered this city. A small time afterwards, the Prince came to the gate which leads to the factory and by two messengers sent for me to attend him there. Whereto I sent answer that I very well knew an enemy had entered the city which made me affraid the English factory would not be fully sufficient for me to maintain and which only was my business as being a merchant and having nothing to do with warlike disputes, at the same time desireing him to take care of his city, and that he should want no assistance in my power to give him; which return occasioned his comeing to the factory when he advised me that the Peguers were only a body of fourty or fifty robbers and desired I wou'd go and repulse them. To which I replyed h[e] might easily see my force was not above four or five Europeans which I thought too few to defend the factory against an army that other people had informed me amounted to near ten thousand men. I also took leave then to tell him that he had distressed the Company by keeping their gunpowder in the Alfantigo, whereupon he immediately gave orders for it to be delivered and I sent people for it. He took his leave by telling me he wou'd go in search of the enemy and desired I wou'd defend the bridge adjoining the factory, but he had not left me ten minutes till I saw him flying with the utmost speed to the waterside and by plungeing into the river got into a small boat and fled.

A few minutes after, the General of the Pegue army sent a message to me advizeing orders to be given to all strangers to keep at home and that they should not be molested either in person or estate which I thought prudent to do and to advize others to the same, since the Peguers had taken the city and the Burmar government were entirely overthrown.

Upon the whole of this which I aver to be truth, I humbly hope your honour &ca. will free me from the aspersion of haveing been any ways too forward in joyning with the new powers. All my study and care to the utmost of my capacity haveing been meant for the publick wellfare in which if I have any way erred I pray your honour &ca. will not impute it a fault but a misfortune, as for instance it is well-known by every body here that I saved the lives of above two thousand Burmars and have been since endeavouring by all means to regulate and moderate the Government. As I cannot give your honour &ca. any certainty as yet what proposals the Government will make (tho' I am certain such might now be had as wou'd be agreeable) I must and will most submissively obey your honour's &ca. commands in waveing everything till I know your honour's &ca. pleasure. Only I must presume to inform your honour &ca. that I am earnestly requested of by

the King himself to make him a visit at court and receive confirmed by him my own proposals; wherefore I will patiently expect your honour's &ca. commands what to do in this respect and humbly hope I shall receive full and ample instructions what priviledges and customs may be reasonably had. However in the meantime I take leave to inform your honour &ca. that for the ease of shipping and at the King's request I have taken upon me the office of Dispatchadore and receiveing his Majesties customs.

I am most heartily concerned for the trouble the Morattas give your honour &ca.; and really that concern proceeds not so much from its depriveing this place of necessary assistance as for your honour &ca. ease and quiet.

Every thing you mention by the *Kent* I have received, excepting the powder horns.

Hon'ble sir and sirs, in regard to the saltpetre and other matters of trade, I must pray for excuse till such time the country be settled which in truth I do not beleive can take up less time then one year considering the great destruction and desolation that has been made even beyond Prone; but may venture to say that the new powers have a prospect of makeing it a fine country, the Government now beginning to think that it is necessary to settle as conquer a country, therefore have given to the natives three years indulgence of all rents and customs at the expiration of which time the rents not to exceed the half what they were in the Burmars' time. Besides I am to acquaint your honour &ca. that at the request of Capt. Glen I came into a scheme to purchase Capt. Wright's sloop to go up to Prone with principle design to releive the Europeans aloft and at the same [time] to bring down as many of your honours &ca. and other gentlemen's debtors as possible who, we are given to understand, are lurking about the country and make this revolution a plea for not paying their debts. But I pray your honour &ca. will please to be acquainted that this sloop shall not go in any hostile manner against either party. I hope this scheme will succeed. For my own part I confess I came into it in a hurry and with no other view then what already mention'd and take the liberty to inclose Capt. Glen's scheme.

I humbly beg once more of your honour &ca. that whatever may be amiss, your honour &ca. will be pleased to excuse and give me leave to conclude with the utmost deference,

Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most obedient, oblig'd and faithfull humble servant,

JONATHAN SMART.

Syrian,
March 17th, 1740/41.

PROPOSEALLS OF A VOYAGE TO PRONE, WITH A VIEW OF BRINGING FROM THENCE OUR COUNTRYMEN AND FRIENDS WITHOUT ANY LOSS TO THE GENTLEMEN CONCERN'D, AS WILL APPEAR BY THE DEBTOR AND CREDITOR SIDE OF THIS PAPER.

The sloop *Coventry* with proper anchors, cables, her rigging, stores and wearing apparell, offered for 700 Pags. or		2,100
To odd jobbs and a large square sail	150	
To imprest for 1 European, 6 Lasscars, 6 Peguers, 1 Cook and 2 Burmar lisgues	192	
To 2 barrells Madrass powder	60	402
Gunns, musquets, bagonets and lances to be found by and delivered again to the owners.		
To salt 30,000 viss at 20 per mill	600	
To rice 300 baskets	100	700
To river charges, up and at Prone	100	
Tho' there is a probability of getting iron there for little or nothing, yet allowing the worst to happen 30,000 viss at 13 is	3900	4,000
Profitt on the voyage after I think everything is allowed to the full, and allowing things to be at the worst.		1,448
	Tecalls	8,650

By account sales of salt at Prone it may be (for what I know) at 150 but it cannot well be below 80 per mile	2,400
By rice with allowing for eating...	100
By account sales of iron 30,000 at 16	4,800
By the sale of the sloop allowing her to sell but for	1,500
	8,800
Deduct one month's pay due when we come back with cooly and boat-hire	150
Tecalls ...	8,650

To Mr. Jonathan Smart, Resident.

Sir,

The above is the scheme I propos'd to you for bringing away our countrymen and any other friends or merchants to the English at Prone or for getting the English out of the hands of the Burmars, where they are like to be very misserable for a long time without such an attempt be made for their deliverance. You must observe their is a probability of the scheme's doing better then proposed both by the sale of the salt and getting of the iron; for my part I have such a good opinion of the thing that I freely offer to be equally concerned with you, and to go on the attempt myself, without proposeing any gains but equally as owner, Capt. Byers likes the thing so well that he proposes being concerned 100 pagodas; and it is my beliefe, if you do not care to risque so much in this affair as half, were you only to continuance it, you'll be able to gett owners enough.

I am sir, Your most obedient humble servant,

Andrew Glen.

No. 38.

To the Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.,
President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

Having finish'd the measuring of the paddy brought us by four country boats sent us down by your honour &ca's. directions, we now inclose the account of it amounting to Pags. 2,417-28-24 which we shall give your presidency credit for. We have deducted the charges of custom, measuring duty and boat and cooley hire bringing it ashore, which charges the owners must have paid if it had been landed at Madrass, which we hope your honour &ca. will approve of.

Two days ago the Deputy Governour receiv'd a letter from our vakeel at Tritchanopoly, giving him an account that the presents had been deliver'd to the two Moratta Generals and their officers who receiv'd them kindly, and the vakeel expected to come back in a few days.

Having found it necessary to demolish several buildings near the Fort on the north and west sides of it, such as the carpenters' yard and godowns adjoining, oil and chunam godowns, boat house and smiths' shops, those two sides being most expos'd, and these buildings taking off much of the defence of them, we find however we can't do without some such buildings erected in another place out of the Fort, that being already too much pester'd in keeping all our stores and provisions in it. We have therefore propos'd to build a few sheds and godowns towards the river side that being a part the least expos'd, and which being built in a line along the south curtain and low can't no ways prejudice the defence of that side. We have made a computation of the cost and find it will amount to Pags. 400. These being at all times necessary and more particularly at this when we are so much pinch'd for room in the Fort, we hope therefore your honour &ca. will not disapprove of it.

As our military, peons and other necessary occasions take off continually a great many of our fanams, we begin to be in want of a new supply, and beg therefore your honour &ca. will be pleas'd to send us as far as five or six thousand pagodas worth as soon as conviniently you can.

We are with much respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most obedient servants,
James Hubbard—Edward Croke—Thomas Eyre—Edward Harris—Robert Allen—Charles Floyer.

Fort St. David,
15th April, 1741.

No. 39.

To the Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.,
President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

I have receiv'd your several favours of the 18th February and 13th March, inclosing invoice and bills of lading for the packing stuff, stores and wares, and

goods for presents and sale sent on two boats. The four pieces of gold-flower'd silk I have sent to the Nabob and Duanjee in part of their present, but the fowling pieces would by no means do. I have therefore sent him a handsome one which I had provided for that purpose, and inclosed I send indent of what will be necessary and proper for his and other presents next Xmas which I desire may be sent by the first opportunity, they always sending to demand their presents when due, and if not presently sent their deloyts not only remain here upon high batty but behave themselves in such an insolent manner that it is almost intolerable.

I have made up the account of cloth in order to close the books for the year 1740, according to the account sent me which I now return; neither myself or the Braminy thinking it is right, as your honour &ca. may see upon compairing it with the account formerly sent which I likewise send, the adjustments shall be likewise incl ouded as your honour &ca. have been pleas'd to order them.

Inclosed are the journal parcels for January, February and March.

I am with the greatest respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most obedient humble servant,

Madapollam,
April the 2d., 1741.

List of bales, Company's—

Embaled ...	...	... 11
Ditto turn'd out...		... 11
		22 bales.

No. 40.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

The purport of this is to advise your honour &ca. of the death of Mr. Simpson at two a clock this afternoon. I have counted over the Hon'ble Company's cash in the presence of Capt. John Crompton which turns out exactly right according to the cash account for March inclos'd, and assure you that no deligence shall be wanting in taking care of my Hon'ble masters' affairs till such time as you shall appoint a succession.

I am with respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most obedient humble servant,

Vizagapatam,
the 3rd [April], 1741.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.

No. 41.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

This is only to repeat the request we made you in our letter of the 15th instant for a supply of five or six thousand pagodas worth of fanams, the want of which at this time occasion a very great clamour, and drives us to very great streights, which has been and often will be the case upon the present footing, before we can be supplied from your honour &ca. as we cannot always foresee that their [w]ill be a want of fanams, and then we feel the inconveniences there[f]rom when it is too late to apply a remedy, for which reason we [beg] leave to have a liberty of coining fanams here agreeable to what we wrote in our letter of the 3d of June last year [or] after any other manner that your honour &ca. shall propose. We [are w]ell assured we shall be able thereby to prevent many inconve[nie]nces; and as we always had a liberty of coining gold fanams [until]

it was found necessary to lay them aside, we hope we shall [ha]ve the same liberty continued to us of coining silver, since the [sa]me reasons subsist for one as well as the other, according to our [be]st judgment which your honour &ca. have not yet contradicted.

We are with respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most obedient servants, JAMES HUBBARD—EDWARD CROKE—THOMAS EYRE—EDWARD HARRIS—ROBERT ALLEN—CHARLES FLOYER.

Fort St. David,
April 22d, 1741.

No. 42.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

My last to your honour &ca. under date of the 3d instant advising of the death of Mr. [Simpson] and of my inspecting the Hon'ble Company's cash wh[ich turn']d out right, rupees forty five thousand seven hun[dred] thirty two, fourteen annas and a quarter, (Rs. 45[732-14]$\frac{1}{4}$); pagodas four hundred and seventy five, thirty two fanams, [seventy] cash (Pags. 475-30-70).

Inclosed is Paymaster's account for the month of March and copy of our diarys and Consultations to the second of April.

The amount of Doctor Gibson's estate is collected excepting so[me] few triffleing notes due from lascars and low people whom [I] cannot find out and which seem to be money advanced on account of voyages which very likely have been perform'd. Narra[in] Pottana has been paid the amount of his demand, being Rupees 7[. . .]5$\frac{1}{2}$, according to your honour &ct. orders. Inclosed is an account [of] what debts due to the estate and what demands are made upon it here as farr as have come to my knowledge as also an inventory and account sales of his effects. I shall be glad of yo[ur] honour &ct. orders as to the disposal of the money in my hands, [and] I am, Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most obedient humble servant,

THOMAS SAUNDERS.

Vizagapatam,
the 10th April, 1741.

P.S.

Since writing the above I have received news of Mauphis Cawn, Nabob of Chickacull, and the Vizderam Rajahs returning from Rajahmundrum. If they should come this way I shall decline the visit, and in this as in every thing else avoid expence.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.

No. 43.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

We have receiv'd your favour of the 25th of April and one from the Secretary accompanying a supply of three thousand pagodas worth of fanams, which we have receiv'd and they turn'd out right.

We shall agreeable to your directions give your presidency credit for the amount of paddy brought us by country boats at Pags. 26$\frac{3}{4}$ per garce, exclusive of custom and charges.

In relation to Madrass fanams of which we desir'd a greater supply of your honour &ca. or that we might have liberty to coin them, we beg leave to say we never desir'd to have more of them than were sufficient to pay the military, peons and other necessary disbursements of the Company and never had a thought of

employing them to any other uses. But we beg leave to remark that not only the Paymaster's disbursements but those of the Storekeeper and Warehousekeeper will require at present to be paid in fanams, which will occasion the want of a pretty large quantity. We know nothing of the clamours of the shroffs for want of fanams, and were there such we shou'd not mind them; but the clamours were from the soldiers and other Company's people who had receiv'd pagodas before this scarcity of fanams commenc'd and cou'd not afterwards exchange them in the buzzar. To ease these, and prevent the like for the future was the occasion of our writing so pressingly about them, and not in order for sale or to set up a shroffs shop, and exchange the Company's fanams for bad pagodas to be put into their cash, a practise we dare say has never been us'd here and, if there were grounds to suspect it, it cannot be too strictly inquir'd into, nor the offenders if any such, too much punish'd; but we are willing to believe your honour &ca. have not such a suspicion of any of us. As we find your honour &ca. are not at all inclin'd to permit us to coin any silver fanams here by allowing us only to do it if silver is to be bought on terms absolutely impossible, we shall therefore forbear troubling you any more on this head, and we shall only remark that had your honour &ca. given us that liberty in general, we shou'd never have made use of it, but when the Company shou'd have been gainers and not losers thereby.

As to the badness of our pagodas here at present we are too sensible of it, and are sorry we have not yet been able to put a stop to the currency of those of 7 touch; which shou'd have been done as soon as known, were it not that the Company must have suffer'd on what they had of that sort in their cash, which first came there as far as we can judge by the Madrass shroffs coming down here in the beginning of February in order to make good the sum of about pagodas 8,000 in good money, in lieu of so many that were bad and had been rejected by our shroff in the parcel that came with Captain Langworth.

The said shroff before he went back paid in some money on that account and the Town shroffs by his directions paid in sometime after the remainder; but it happens every individual pagoda of that sum was of 7 touch only, which we must think was brought about by the artifice of the Madrass shroff and the influence he had over ours. By this means almost all the money passing or receiv'd into cash since in the place has been of this touch. This the Deputy Governor was first acquainted with about three weeks or a month ago, who immediately sent for the shroff and he acknowledged the fact that the money so paid in was but 7 touch, but he pretended such were then current here, which if true can't excuse him for taking them in without advising of it, which he never did. But it is much to be suspected that currency was given them by the Madrass shroff in concert with ours and the Town shroff, for we never heard of any pagodas of so low a touch passsing here before. As their was thus a large sum of these pagodas in the Company's cash, we cou'd not without a great loss to them prohibit such from passing, but the shroffs were immediately order'd to suffer none to pass under that touch, which has been of service to keep off much worse money growing current since. But the greatest part of our 7 touch pagodas being now paid away, and we having of all sorts remaining in cash but little above Pags. 8,000, we shall very shortly have occasion for a new supply, which we beg your honour &ca. wou'd be pleas'd to send us as soon as you can in the new Star pagodas current at Madrass; and we may, we believe, venture to assure you that within a month after we receive them the Campany's cash shall be fully clear'd of the 7 touch and even all other pagodas, and that very soon after no others but the Star pagodas shall be current in this place. We must earnestly beg this of your honour &ca. without which the misfortune arising to the Company's business and to every body else here will grow remediless.

On Monday the 27th instant, our vakeel return'd with presents from the Moratta Generals, of a horse and tasheriff for the Hon'ble President, and a tasheriff for Mr. Fowke, and the same also for the Deputy Governor and Mr. Croke, which we receiv'd in the handsomest manner we cou'd. He also brought two Cowls from the Generals for Madrass and two for this place, which they have

sent without any sollicitation of ours, and we think they may possibly be of some use but cannot be of any disservice. The translates of the letter, cowles as well as of the letters to the Deputy Governor from Phutta Sing and Raghojee Bonsla, we now inclose. Our vakeel will set out to night with the horse and tasheriff to the Hon'ble President and the present to Mr. Fowke in company with Shambia, a Braminy sent on the part of the Morattas. The said vakeel brings with him the Generals' letters to the President and the two cowles for Madrass, and will inform your honour &ca. of everything that pass'd in relation to the present he carried to the Morattas, and we refer it to your honour &ca. to gratify him for his trouble in such manner as you shall think proper.

In your letter of the 27th March we sent your honour &ca. the account of the present sent to the Moratta Generals amount[ing] to Pags, 2,347-23-75. We have disburs'd further on that account about Pags. 400 being for rupees &ca. given to the servants and others and the expences of the vakeel and people on the road, the whole amounting to upwards of Pags. 2,700, which we desire your honour &cas. directions how to bring to account in our books, whether to account presents or to account current, Fort St. George.

We inclose the translate of a letter from Phutta Sing to the Deputy Governour and Council in behalf of Vencatachilum, the dubash, that gave us so much trouble the last year, and who now is in the Ocalo Naigiat woods near the edge of our bounds. By the account we have of him from the vakeel and others from Tritchanopoly, this letter if at all given by Phutta Sing, must certainly have been wrote long before our people went down with the present, for he was then in no manner of credit with the Morattas, and three or four days before our people came away, he ran away from their camp and came this way, otherwise he wou'd have been made a prisoner and but in irons, as was one Ommiapa, a fellow that has accompanied him from his first deserting the bounds till that time. Your honour &ca. have been fully acquainted with this man's behaviour in many of our letters last year to which we refer and desire your honour &cas. directions what notice we ought to take of this letter of Phutta Sing, or what sort of proceeding you think proper we shou'd use towards Vencatachilum. We shall only add that the Deputy Governor assures us he is well advis'd that Vencatachilum, since he came among the Morattas at Tritchanopoly, has taken a great deal of pains to incense them against the English.

We are advis'd the Moratta Generalls have left 5,000 horse at Tritchanopoly and Madura and are gone with the rest of the army that remain'd with them to Jugdava, where it is said they intend to continue or at least at some places on this side of Kistna river, and that they do not now proceed to their own country. If so, we doubt, they will visit this province again in a few months more after the land winds are over. Under the uncertainty we are in whether they may return this way or no, we have as yet thought proper to discharge only some of the least usefull people in the gunroom and among the peons, and shall wait your honour &cas. directions [as to] what reduction you shall think necessary.

Agreeable to your honour &cas. order we have begun to send bales on board the *George* who shall be dispatch'd up in two or three days with what bales we have on hand.

Inclos'd are our account of expences for March.

We are with much respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most obedient servants,

James Hubbard—Edward Croke—Thomas Eyre—Edward Harris—Robert Allen—Charles Floyer.

Fort St. David,
2nd May, 1741.

TRANSLATE OF A LETTER FROM PHUTTY SING TO THE GOVERNOUR OF TEVNAPATAM.

I enjoy good health and hope you do the same. I have received your letter and understand the contents. The vakeel Audivenkia and Coopia visited me by means of Roy Sasherow and have acquainted me of your benevolence and

friendship which has given me joy. As you have long since acted amicably, I am oblig'd to assist you and never shall fail to protect you in any thing. You are our people and must comply in what I shall order you concerning the Sircar's affairs, and if you want anything advise me thereof that I may do it. I received the presents and other things which you sent me and have now sent you some presents with a tasheriff to Mr. Croke which you may accept of. What can I say more.

FROM RAGOGY BONSLA TO THE GOVERNOUR OF TEVNAPATAM.

I enjoy perfect health and hope you do the same. I received your letter and understand the contents. Our friendship has subsisted from the time of the deceas'd great King with all familiarity and kindness, and as you are also acting yourself in the like manner, I have now commenc'd the friendship with you and hope it may continue to eternity. You never had no difference with us and we have not the least difference with you. Audivenkia and Vencatkistnia arriv'd here from you and have presented me the cloaths and other things according to the list by means of Roy Sasherow and I am overjoy'd thereat. I have sent you a present of a horse and 5 pieces of cloth and 4 pieces of cloth likewise to Mr. Croke which you may accept and send me an answer of the receipt thereof. As our friendship is firmly renew'd, you need not harbour any suspicions, but use your endeavours to cultivate it more and more. I have no difference with you, you may be fully assur'd.

All the rest I have acquainted Roy Sasherow and your vakeels with, who will inform you, and you shall be also inform'd thereof by the writings of Roy Sasherow. What can I say more.

TRANSLATE OF A COWLE FROM PHUTTA SING BONSLA, THE COMMANDER OF ALL AFFAIRS, TO THE MERCHANTS, INHABITANTS &CA., CAST PEOPLE OF TEVNAPATAM, THE 15TH OF APRIL 1741.

I being inform'd that you and your familys were in fear of our army, I have therefore granted you this cowle, so that you need not be apprehensive of any thing, but may flourish and live in the place without any doubts, for no one shall hurt the hair of your heads. Of this you may be fully satisfied.

Sign'd by his Chief Officers.

A COWLE FROM RAGOGY BONSLA, THE CHIEF GENERAL OF THE ARMY TO THE MERCHANTS, INHABITANTS &CA., CAST PEOPLE OF TEVNAPATAM, THE 13TH OF APRIL 1741.

I being inform'd that you and your familys were in fear of our army, I have therefore granted you this cowle, so that you need not be apprehensive of anything, but may flourish and live in the place without doubts or fear of being molested. Of this you may be fully satisfied.

Sign'd by his Chief Officers.

A LETTER FROM PHUTTA SING TO THE WORSHIPFULL JAMES HUBBARD ESQR., DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

I enjoy perfect health and hope you do the same. I have not received a letter from you a long time since, which is contrary to friendship; so I shall be glad you will for the future always send me letters. I was inform'd about some disputes between the Right and Left hand casts, and the Left hand casts being protected by Mootall they turn'd Vencatachilum out of the bounds. So he came and liv'd at Tritchanopoly, and whilst I was laying siege to that Fort he came and made me a visit and at the same time represented to me the whole affair which I carefully examin'd into. If there be disputes between both casts you ought to decide them in a reasonable manner according to the usual manner and to check them for them, for it is not proper to protect the one and do injustice to the other. This Vencatachillum will be very serviceable in your affairs, therefore if you

will be pleas'd to send a letter sign'd by the Council I shall send him to you, so that for the future some of your affairs shall be settled by means of the said Vencatachillum.

No. 44.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

This serves only to inclose invoice and bill of lading for two hundred bales of calicoes belonging to our Hon'ble masters, laden on board ship *George*, John Taylor, and amounting to pagodas 14,014–22–40.

We are with much respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient servants,

JAMES HUBBARD—EDWARD CROKE—THOMAS EYRE—EDWARD HARRIS—ROBERT ALLEN—CHARLES FLOYER.

Fort St. David,
May the 6th, 1741.

P.S. Inclos'd is likewise our Storekeeper's account disbursements on the *George*.

No. 45.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

The foregoing is duplicate of ours by the *George*, which ship sail'd this morning. Inclos'd are the duplicate invoice, and 2d bill of lading for 200 bales of calicoes sent on her, with a duplicate of the Storekeeper's disbursements.

On the 6th died here Ensign Abraham Rogers. If your honour &ca. have no supernumerary ensign, we take the liberty to mention serjeant William De Morgan to fill up that vacancy, whom we can recommend as a very sober and deserving person.

We are with respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient servants,

JAMES HUBBARD—EDWARD CROKE—THOMAS EYRE—EDWARD HARRIS—ROBERT ALLEN—CHARLES FLOYR.

Fort St. David,
9th May, 1741.

No. 46.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PERESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

We have received your favours of the 12th and 15th instant the latter accompanying a supply of Pags. 10,000 which arriv'd the 19th and turn'd out right.

We observe with much concern how largely your honour &cas. are pleas'd to expatiate on what we wrote you on the 2d ultimo, in relation to Madrass fanams and the great notice you take of an expression in that letter, which you think to be contradictory to what we wrote in a former letter, by writing it twice in capital letters, that it should not pass unobserv'd, to which we beg leave to reply :—

That if the contradiction was more obvious and plain than it seems to us to be, yet if it be consider'd that the two letters were wrote at eleven months' distance

one from the other and that in writing the l[a]tter we had no occasion to have recourse to the former, we think such a slip if it be one might have been easily excus'd and attributed to forgetfulness and our not recollecting an expression made use of in a letter so long before, which deserves we think no great animadversion. But tho' we do allow that by the words we made use of in our letter of 3d of June we did mean that we wanted a quantity of fanams to circulate in the buzars, and we might at that time be uncertain what might be the properest methods to bring about such a circulation, as the silver fanams were then but newly introduc'd here and we had till then received only 1,000 Pags. worth of them which by no means could be reckon'd sufficient for circulation, yet if our intentions at the writing that letter may be judg'd of by the methods we really took to procure such a circulation after we received the next supply of 3,000 Pags. worth of fanams, we can assure your honour &ca, that it was not by sending the fanams into the buzars to be sold, but by paying out greater quantitys to the Company's people for their pay and allowances than we could possibly do before. And by this means they soon found their way to the buzar and brought on a circulation sufficient for every body so that there were presently enough of them to be had in the buzars at upwards of 36 fanams per pagoda. This method we have continued to practise ever since and our people have received more or less fanams monthly on account of their pay &ca., according as they chose to receive pagodas or fanams. At common times and when there is no want of fanams in the buzars but that they are cheaper there than 36 per pagoda, nobody cares then to receive more than the odd money of their pay in fanams, and the rest in pagodas, and our disbursements to our washers, beaters and others will then be in pagodas only; when there begins to be a scarcity in the buzar, every body desires and accordingly have receiv'd, when we have had them a greater part of their pay &ca. in fanams. By this means a tolerable circulation of Madrass fanams since we first had them has been kept up and complaints at any time for want of them soon put an end to, which we hop'd also would soon be the case in the late great scarcity of them, could we be supplied with sufficient for paying the greatest part of the Company's disbursements in fanams, or the whole, if the people to whom they were to be made, should desire it; and with this view only we wrote so pressingly for a large quantity. On this head we beg leave to add that we have always endeavour'd and were glad for the general benefit when we could bring about a free circulation of the lower species of money, if it could be done by the method abovemention'd; but we have neither attempted nor thought of doing it, by any method that the Company must have been sufferers by.

As to your honour &ca. observations on what we wrote in our letter of the 22d ultimo that we could not always foresee the want there would be of fanams till it was too late to apply a remedy, and the conclusion you draw from thence that this could proceed only from an uncertainty how much would be wanted to circulate in the buzars, we can only say, if by that circulation any other is meant than what might be brought about by paying the Company's disbursements in fanams, that it was foreign to our thoughts and that we had no such view when we wrote that letter. But the difficultys we there complain of, may we think arise from other causes, without the least need of such a supposition for

First, the disbursements on the Company's account we find do frequently differ and considerably too between one month and another, and particularly in such troublesome times we have had of late, when we were oblig'd to entertain what peons, lascars and other useful people we could get, by which means the charges on those heads varied greatly one month from the other; to which may be added the charges of laying in provision and other necessarys in readiness against a siege, should it have happen'd and many other articles of expence that will in such a time arise, which can hardly be foreseen; and therefore we think it next to impossible to form a near judgement what fanams might be wanted on these heads.

The disbursements to the washers and beaters are also uncertain, and do not keep to nearly the same sum monthly, but differ according as we have a greater or

lesser quantity of cloth to cure. And as we have had lately but little cloth brought in and could not till about a fortnight ago trust much at a time at the washing place, our disbursements on this head have been but little lately to what they must be when the cloth we expect out of the country comes in, when we must be oblig'd to employ double or treble the number of washers we have if possibly to be got. But the main reason why we cannot foresee what quantity of fanams may always be wanted, is because when a scarcity of them begins, we cannot be sure whether it may not be put an end to by paying only a greater part of the Company's disbursements than usual in fanams or whether it may not be necessary to pay the whole. These reasons we hope therefore will warrant what we wrote in our [letter] of the 22d ultimo as abovemention'd, without any necessity of fixing a meaning upon it which we really had not.

As to the warmth with which your honour &ct. takes notice our paragraph concerning fanams in our letter of the 2d. instant was wrote, we beg leave to answer that we are sorry if we misunderstood your honour &cas. intention in the paragraph of your letter of the 25th. of Aprill concerning both fanams and pagodas, and should not, had it been explain'd as your honour &ca. now mention it, have answer'd in the manner we did, but we must say that paragraph seem'd to us to be wrote in sharp and complaining terms, as if it had been believ'd that the badness of the pagodas and scarcity of fanams were owing to some faults of ours, and that we had wrote so pressingly for fanams with a view of private advantage thereby. In this light we really then understood the paragraph above mention'd of your letter of 25th. ultimo, which therefore we thought made it necessary for us to write what we did in our justification. As to the proposals your honour &ca. desire us to send you concerning our coining silver fanams here, agreable to what we before wrote for, we can only say that if your honour &ca. will be pleas'd to acquaint us of the weight and finess they are coin'd at in the Madrass Mint, we believe we could get our people to coin them of the same weight and goodness as cheap here, but what the weight and finess they ought to be of at present is we cannot be sure; we only suppose they are of the finess of Mexico dollars, and for the weight we found by several tryals last year, 1,000 fanams weigh'd 32 oz. 16 dwt. 6 gr. at a medium and by other tryals made on some lately received we found 1,000 fanams weighd 33 oz. 4 dwt. 20 gr. We suppose this latter weight, as the fanams we reckon were newer, is nearest the truth. Our Mint Braminy computes the charges of coining at the rate of 2 per cent. nearest, so that reckoning the price of silver at 13⅞ dollars per 10 Pags. the 33 oz. 4-20 abovementioned being the weight of 1,000 fanams at that rate will amount to Pags. 27-7-11 to which add the charges coining fans 20. The value of silver necessary for coining 1,000 fanams with the charges coining will then amount to Pags. 27-27-11, and 1,000 fanams at 36 per pagoda come to Pags. 27-28-0. By which calculate it appears there will be a small profit to the Company in coining silver fanams here, when silver is to be bought at 13⅞ dollars per 10 Pags. &ca., proportionally greater profit as silver is to be bought cheaper, which it almost always may be.

We observe the methods your honour &ca. have taken at Madrass with regard to the new pagodas as well as the old, by ordering the former only to be deem'd the current money of the place, but leaving merchants and others at liberty to make their bargains in what money they thought most for their interest; which we have consider'd with attention and what further you have been pleas'd to write on this subject; and upon the whole we judg'd we could not do better with regard to this place than to conform as near as we could to what you have been pleas'd to do in this affair at Madrass; in consequence of which, presently after receiving the last remittance your honour &ca. sent, wherein were 3,000 of the new pagodas, we publisht an order that the Company would not receive any other pagodas after this month, for customs or anything else, and that no other pagodas should be esteem'd current after that time, copy of which order is inclos'd, which we hope your honour &ca. will not disapprove of. It was impossible without very great inconveniences to have kept the country pagodas any longer current here, they growing daily worse and worse; so that few even of the

7 touch pagodas are now to be met with, and almost all that now come in from the country, are considerably lower, and will probably be at 6 touch or lower in a very little time. By this means we shall prevent any more of the country money coming into the Company's cash after the end of this month, except what we shall receive from your honour &ca. for advances to the merchants who can yet pass it w[e]ll enough in the country for providing goods; but if it continues to grow much worse as it seems likely to do, we are apprehensive it will not be long before it will be refus'd by the brokers and weavers in the country, which however we hope will not happen, till the Company's cash, both at Madrass and here, is fully clear'd of it; after which, should they still be passable in the country equally with the Star pagodas or not at a discount proportionable to the real difference of value between them, we shall upon any occasion we have for money to pay the merchants, advise your honour &ca. at what rate we can buy them here in exchange for Star pagodas, in order that they may either be bought at Madrass or here for that purpose as shall be found most for the Company's advantage.

Having observ'd already that we thought it proper to conform as near as we could to the methods your honour &ca. have establisht at Madrass with regard to the currency of the new pagodas, we find but one particular here wherein we think it necessary to differ in, that is, in regard to contracts subsisting for currant pagodas which, we think it would be hard to oblige the persons that are to pay money on such account, to pay in pagodas of eight touch, if such contracts have been entered into within these 2 or 3 years last. As we have had no seal'd bags here that have past for that value by the credit of the shroff's seal, the only ones we had being what sent down on the Company's remittances which when received we were oblig'd to open to see they were right, and the seal being broke they past for no more than other current pagodas and we believe were but little if anything better, in this case we therefore think it reasonable that all bargains or contracts subsisting for currant pagodas, should be satisfy'd according to the value the currant pagodas bore at the time those contracts were enter'd into, which if computed at 7 touch from the beginning of this year to this time, at $7\frac{1}{2}$ for all last year, per $7\frac{3}{4}$ for the year 1739, will we believe be pretty near the medium value, and all beyond this last mentioned time to be reckon'd at 8 touch. After this manner we have agreed all contracts for current pagodas at present in force shall be regulated, which we hope will give general satisfaction.

We shall for the future keep two distinct accounts of our cash, one of the new money and the other of the country pagodas in the manner your honour &ca. have been pleas'd to direct.

We shall follow your honour &ca. directions with regard to the present to the Moratta Generals, by crediting your presidency for the amount of what receiv'd from Madrass and then debting it for the whole present and charges.

We believe it is not at present necessary to send any answer to Phutta Sing's letter in favour of Vencatatchalum, as we reckon he is at so great a distance that a letter can hardly be convey'd to him without difficulty. Should we find it necessary hereafter, we shall follow your directions in what we write to him.

We have in obedience to your repeated orders oblig'd Irzapa Chitty to pay the fine of 500 pagodas and we heartily wish it may not be a means to cause him to sla[c]ken his care and diligence in the Company's investment, in which he has hitherto behav'd very well. Among the 4,000 pagodas of the old money receiv'd with the last remittance, we find 679 new Wendawash pagodas of $6\frac{3}{4}$ touch as our shroff reports them, the rest are all 7 touch and upwards. However the shroff tells us the others will yet pass in the country and we shall pay them away with the first money we advance to the merchants.

The ensign's commission your honour &ca. were pleas'd to send for Mr. William De Morgan, has been [received] and deliver'd him.

Mr. Harris has deliver'd us a paper representing his being next in standing to Mr. Eyre, who he hears has already been nominated to succeed in Council at Madrass, and there being since another vacancy at your board occasion'd by

Mr. Torriano's death, he desires us to recommand his claim thereto. His said request is inclos'd which we refer to your honour &ca. consideration and beg leave to say that we think Mr. Harris has behav'd very well in all places in the Company's service here that he has been employ'd in.

We are with much respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most obedient servants, JAMES HUBBARD—EDWARD CROKE—THOMAS EYRE—EDWARD HARRIS—ROBERT ALLEN—CHARLES FLOYER.

Fort St. David,
May the [. . .] 1741.

TO THE WORSHIPFULL JAMES HUBBARD ESQR.,
DEPUTY GOVERNOR &C. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

Worshipfull sir and sirs,

Being inform'd that Mr. Eyre has been lately nominated to succeed in Council at Madrass, since which Mr. Torriano's death has occasion'd another vacancy, I desire the favour, as I am next in standing to Mr. Eyres, that you will recommend my claim to the President and Council, hoping that my behaviour in the sixteen years I have been here will allow of no objection thereto.

I am, Worshipfull sir and sirs, Your most obedient servant,

EDWARD HARRIS.

Cuddalore,
May the 26th, 1741.

It is hereby ordered by the Deputy Governor and Council that after the 31st of this instant May, no other money but the new Madrass Star pagodas or Madrass fanams will be receiv'd into the Company's cash in payment for their customs, revenues or any other account whatsoever, and the Company's disbursements to their military, peons and other persons in their pay will be paid also in the same money and no other. It is further ordered that after the time abovemention'd the said Star pagodas alone shall be esteem'd the current pagodas of this place, but all merchants and others have full liberty to bring in any of the country pagodas and to trade and traffick with the same upon such terms as they can agree on.

Sign'd by order of the Deputy Governor and Council.

Fort St. David,
18th May, 1741.

JOSEPH FOWKE,
Secretary.

No. 47.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA.
COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

In my last I advis'd you that we had a prospect of a plentifull crop of cotton, as also that the merchants desired a speedy supply of money. It therefore concerns me to acquaint you with the little success I have since met with in my investment, which your honour &ca. will perceive by the small quantity of cloth specified at the foot hereof, and I see no room to expect I shall do any thing considerable whilst there is so great a difference between the French measure and ours, unless the merchants have some advantage given them equivalent thereto, for they are sensible the French are in want of cloth and will take all they are able to provide, therefore make no account of anything that is said to them concerning the measure. Cotton is at twenty six Madrass pagodas the candy but 'tis thought it cannot continue long at that price. A short time will discover how it will be when I shall not fail to let your honour &ca. know what

quantity of cloth I may expect to have ready by the month of August. In the meanwhile, I remain, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient humble servant,

RICHARD PRINCE.

Ingeram,
the 10th May, 1741.

LIST OF BALES AT NELLAPILLY, VIZT.

Longcloth, ordinary, at the washers		... ...	37
Longcloth, fine of the 1st sort,	do.	... ...	5
Longcloth, fine of the 2nd sort,	do.	... ...	1
Sallampores, fine	do.	... ...	2
Sallampores, ordinary	do.	... ...	1
		Bales	46
Izzarees of 4 threads	... ...	... Corge	3-7

No. 48.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST. GEORGE &CA COUNCIL.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

I am now to advise your honour &ca. of the death of Mr. Joseph Goddard, who was taken ill with convulsions and a delirium the 11th. instant, which last attended with a fever, he continued in till three this morning, and then died.

Mr. Churchey upon his being taken ill, advised Mr. Prince and desired assistance upon which he dispatch'd me in case of Mr. Goddard's death to take care of affairs here till I should be advis'd by your honour &ca. Just before the death of Mr. Goddard a supply of six thousand pagodas arriv'd from Vizagapatam, which I have receiv'd, and which, with all other of the Hon'ble Company's effects here, shall be taken the utmost care of. I have sent for all the merchants here, whom I shall not only keep together but endeavour to get what cloth I can from them. As to the particular situation of your affairs here, I shall advise your honour &c[a] as soon as the present confusion they seem to be in will give me leave, and as I have been acquainted with most of the transactions here since the factory was resetled by Mr. Goddard, I am in hopes I shall be able to render myself servicaeble. I shall only assure your honour &ca. that my utmost care shall be employ'd for the interest of the Hon'ble Company. I am with the greatest esteem, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient and most obliged humble servant,

JOHN ANDREWS.

Maddepollam,
May the 16th, 1741.

No. 49.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOR OF FORT ST. GEORGE &CA. COUNCIL.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

The 10th ultimo I wrote your honour &ca. and inclos'd Paymaster's accounts for March, diarys and Consultations to the 2nd April and sundry papers relating to Doctor Gibson's estate.

On the 16th in the morning the Nabob pitch'd his tents in our mango garden; he was receiv'd in the usual manner; had a present of 6 yards of broadcloth which expence was unavoidable; and the 18th in the evening march'd to visit the Dutch at Bimlipatam.

Inclos'd are cash and Paymaster's accounts for last month. Nothing else extraordinary has happen'd since my last.

I am Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient humble servant,

THOMAS SAUNDERS.

Vizagapatam,
1st May, 1741.

No. 50

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Honb'le sir and sirs,

Since writing the above I have received your honour &cas. favours of the 3rd and 28th ultimo and 4th instant.

The 4th imported sloop *Calcutta*, William Miller, Master, with your letter of that date inclosing invoice and bills of lading for treasure and stores laden on sloops *Callcutta* and *Fort St. George*; those by the former turn'd out right; the latter is not yet arriv'd and I am affraid some accident has happen'd to her which is the reason I detain'd these peons so long. Capt. Miller after the repairs of his boat and taking in wood and water sail'd the 7th in the morning for Bengall with 2 chests of treasure qt. 12,000 Madrass rupees on board consigned to the Hon'ble Thomas Braddyll Esqr. &ca. Council, exchange at 315 per 100 Pags. according to your honour &cas. orders.

Agreeable to your directions I immediately supplyed the settlements of Ingeram and Maddapollam, the former with four and latter six thousand Madrass pagodas, the whole sum received per *Callcutta*, and as you will please to observe by the cash account for March we were oblig'd to borrow 1,000 Madrass pagodas for current expences, for fear of any accident having happen'd to the *Fort St. George*. I must request a further supply to satisfie what demands the southern settlements may make.

Your honour &ca. may be assur'd of my utmost care of affairs here, expecially the investment and merchants' ballances till such time as George Torriano Esqr. arrives.

The 6th arriv'd Mr. Goodere with yours of the 3rd ultimo. He is employ'd in the writing business and Thomas Pelling discharg'd.

By the *Neptune* brigantine received triplicate of your favour of the 28th ultimo, with an addition under date of the 4th instant. Your honour &cas. orders in relation to Doctor Gibson's estate shall be duely executed and the net produce paid into cash. I have nothing more to add at present but to assure you that I am with respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient humble servant,

THOMAS SAUNDERS.

Vizagapatam,
11th May, 1741.

No. 51.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOEUR &CA. COUNCIL AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

On the 30th ultimo imported from Bombay our Hon'ble masters' ships, *Nottingham* and *Hallifax*, and in their company the *Poultney* and *Fort St. George* brigantine.

By our superiour's commands to us, received by these ships, we were ordered either to fill up the *Hallifax* here with six hundred candies of pepper or consign her to Anjengo for that purpose, but it being so late in the season as might probably expose the ship to a great risque, should she load at that settlement, we came to a resolution to put on board her here one hundred candies of pepper, and have ordered Mr. William West, a covenanted servant, to lade on her at Callicutt five

hundred candies more, when she will proceed to Anjengo and deliver some treasure, forty five military, and stores that are on board her for that settlement, having no other proper conveyance to send them by, from whence she will proceed to your coast and the Bay.

We are ordered to transmit your honour &ca. copy of her invoice and bill of lading to Bengall, amounting to rupees eight thousand nine hundred twenty nine, one quarter, five reas (8,929 Rs. 1 qr. 5 raes) which goes enclosed, and have directed Mr. West to forward you others of what he may load at Callicutt, giving an order to the commander to deliver any part thereof to your order; wherefore if you should be in want of any part thereof please to give him a receipt for the same, and credit the presidency of Bengall for the amount advising them accordingly.

The *Godolphin*, Capt. Francis Steward, imported here from Great Brittain on the 28th March, but as her arriving so late might have endangered her passage to China had she proceeded up the Coast (being to fill up at this port), we landed her Europe cargo and she is now under dispatches for her intended voyage. This ship left England the 28th August, and putt into the Cape the 5th December, where was the *Haeslingfield*, Capt. Houghton (who succeeded to the command by the decease of Captain Cooke), which had lost her passage by meeting with bad weather and had been obliged to bear away to St. Augustine's Bay; when this ship left the Cape, there was no news either of the *Normington* [?] or *Harrington*.

The *Nottingham* is now taking in her cargoe for Great Brittain, and will be dispatched thither in a few days.

Please to advise the presidency of Bombay or us what is the amount of the freight of the coir sent on the *Bermudas* sloop the 28th April 1740.

We sent Mr. George Hamilton on board this ship to survey her, conformable to standing order from our superiours, and inclosed is copy of his report.

We are with respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient humble servants,

William Wake—William Jeynson—George Hamilton.

Tellicherry,
May the 2d, 1741.

No. 52.

To the Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.,
President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

We have dispatched the Hon'ble Company's ship *Nottingham* this day for Great Brittain, but the Commander intending to lie at your port till the season of the year will permit him to proceed round the Cape with safety, gives us an opportunity of transmitting duplicate of our letter per *Hallifax* on the 2d instant; which ship Mr. West advised us left Callicutt on the 7th but he was obliged to protest against the Commander for his taking one hundred sixty one candies of pepper short of the quantity ordered by the Hon'ble President and Council of Bombay.

We are with respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient humble servants,

William Wake—William Jeynson—George Hamilton.

Tellicherry,
May the 10th, 1741.

No. 53.

To the Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.,
President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

We received by the *Royal Guardian* your honour's &ca. favour of the 20th September and that of the 20th October per pattamar both which came to hand the very same day (November the 29th).

The iron guns we indented for to your honour &ca. we perceive the reasons why you could not comply with, and are obliged to you for intimation to the gentlemen of Bengall in this respect from whence we were accordingly furnished.

We are extremely obliged to your honour &ca. for the ready acceptance and clearance of Mr. Waters's bond passed to Mr. Craddock for what by him advanced to the former towards enabling him to carry on the then provision of coffee on our Hon'ble masters' account, and we duly notice the credit given for the ship *Princess Augusta*, and the transferr of the ballance of this Presidency's account to that of account current London.

Our Hon'ble masters' ships *Royall Guardian* and *Mountague* sailed hence for Great Brittain the 9th of January, the *Princess Louiza* the 26th and on the 23d February imported from thence the *Nottingham*, and on the 5th March the *Hallifax*. The two last we now dispatch, the former for England (tho' we imagine from the lateness of the season, she will ride the monsoon at your port) and the other according to our Hon'ble masters' orders proceeds to Bengall first calling at your place. The *Godolphin*, Captain Steward, designed on a voyage from this coast to China we learn arrived at Tellicherry the 28th ultimo from whence she will be dispatched in pursuance of a conditional licence given, should her import be so late as to render precarious the saving her passage back were she to have come up hither, and the shipping now departing carries the goods provided, to be tran-shipped at that port, so that we hope our Hon'ble employers will meet with no disappointment in this their destination.

The President and Second have given Capt. Browne of the *Nottingham* the proper signals for his homeward bound voyage agreeable to those they have receiv'd from the Secret Committee; but as they vary with the season and in all likelihood such alterations may arrive from them before that ship leaves your port, we must request in such case the President and Second will communicate so farr as requisite and we have incerted a clause in his sailing instructions that he render a due obedience,

The difference in price of the fourteen carbines sent by your honour &ca. in lieu of so many taken out of those designed for this place on the *Royall Guardian* amounts to rupees eighty one, three quarters, nine raes (81 Rs. 3 qr. 9 rs.) in our favour. The cost of the ten barrells of gunpowder is rupees two hundred eighty seven, one quarter, seventy three raes (287 Rs. 1 qr. 73 rs.)

Our Hon'ble masters having given provisional orders that should the *Hallifax* carry only cotton to proceed directly to the Bay, but if any pepper then to call at Madrass, and as we design to lade on her as farr as six hundred candys from the Coast settlements, we have given directions that invoice and bill of lading for the same be transmitted your honour &ca. that you may land any part or otherwise according to the commands we presume you will have received from our employers.

We are, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most humble servants,

STEPHEN LAW—JOHN MORLEY—W. SEDGWICKE—GEORGE DUDLEY.

Bombay Castle,
April 17th, 1741.

No. 54.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

According to order of the presidency I herewith transmit your honour &ca. copy of invoice and bill of lading of three hundred thirty nine candys of pepper shipt on board the *Hallifax*, Capt. John Blake, and consigned to the President and Council of Calcutta.

I am, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient humble servant,

WILLIAM WEST.

Callicut,
May 6th, 1741.

No. 55.

To the Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.,
President and Governour of Fort St. George &ca. Council.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

In mine to your honour &ca. of the 16th instant I advis'd of the death of Mr. Goddard. I now take this opportunity to enclose the last month's account of this place, and as I find your honour &ca. have had no cash accounts since December, I now send them for January, February, March and April. I have likewise settled the merchants accounts and enclosed their names and ballances.

The account of cloth remains as by Mr. Goddard's of the 2d April since whose death I have got about three hundred pieces. How it will answer for the Hon'ble Company I cannot yet tell, and lest any dispute or difference may arise hereafter concerning the stock of this place, I have sent your honour &ca. an attested copy of the inventory taken here the 16th instant. The merchants are not all come; therefore I cannot yet acquaint your honour &ca. what proposals they will make about their ballances. I find there are two years books behind which shall be now put in hand and when we receive the Warehousekeepers' accounts for the years 1739 and 1740 shall be ballanc'd and sent. I wait your honour &ca instructions. In the meantime I shall act in best manner I am able. I am with the greatest esteem Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient and most oblig'd humble servant,

Maddepollam, John Andrews.
May the 23d, 1741.

P.S. Since writeing the above Mr. Prince has requested the money that came last, he having been disappointed from Vizagapatam. The sloop not being arrived as yet, I have therefore sent him three thousand pagodas *idem*.

Inventory of sundry effects belonging to the Hon'ble Company and found in their factory at Mr. Goddard's decease, vizt.—

Cash	Pagodas Madrass 6,283.
Rosewater	3 chests.
Broadcloth ordinary, green	3 pieces, 6 yards.
Do. aurora	3 pieces, $1\frac{1}{2}$ yard.
Perpetuanoes	2 pieces, $27\frac{3}{4}$ yards.
Brass locks	4
Iron do.	1
Stationary ware.	
Powder horns	6
Bales 1 [?]	1 bagg.
Shott	2 do.
Musquetts	11
Do. without locks	3
Cartouch boxes	8
Cutlasses	12
Bayonets	14
An iron rammer	1
Tables	2
A couch and 12 chairs.	
Vices and screws	2
Gunneys, ropes and twine.	
Fowling peices	2
A brass chain lamp.	
An old writeing desk.	
Bale horses	10
A sorting table and measuring pole.	

A barrel of tarr.
A beam and scales.
$8\frac{1}{2}$ *Cs.* $1\frac{1}{4}$ *C* and a set of small weights.
$\frac{1}{4}$ barrel powder.

Longcloth fine, brown	... ...	11 bales.
Do. do.	... ...	11 do. turn'd out.
Sallempores ordinary	... ...	13 pieces.

An old table and 3 benches.

Errors excepted, *per* JOHN ANDREWS.

Moddapollam,
May the 16th, 1741.

We, whose names are hereunder written, do certifie the above to be a full and true account of all the moneys and effects belonging to the Hon'ble Company and found in their factory at Mr. Goddard's death.

JOHN CHURCHEY
BODAHPATEE CONAPAH—COTAGUNTEE NAGASHUM.

A LIST OF MERCHANTS AND THEIR BALLANCES.

	P.	f.	c.
Eram Chittee	1,213	27	0
Moukantry and Mullou	1,557	15	24
John Servoy	1,542	18	...
Weymaul Rammadou	460	18	...
Eneemooty Cawmadoo	1,412	4	64
Coorsoor Daunia	1,593	9	72
Phoala Surripa and Weymaul Rammadou ...	836	0	72
Bompano	105	22	40
Bomparawze	69	4	08
Casoordas	1,808	23	32
Sankaria	754	32	16
Pags. ...	11,353	32	08

No. 56.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

I have been favour'd with your letter of the 28th April and this accompanys duplicate of what I had the honour to write you the 10th instant, since which I have received a letter from Mr. Churchey at Madapollam, dated the 12th Do., advising me that Mr. Goddard was dangerously ill and that the Fousdar of Massulapatam had sent to acquaint them that the Morattas were very near that place, and desired them to take the most speedy measures they cou'd for the security of themselves and their effects. After having some time consider'd upon what Mr. Churchey wrote, I concluded that as he was but newly arriv'd and unacquainted with the people of that place, it was necessary somebody should be sent to his assistance; accordingly I dispatch'd Mr. Andrews and prevailed upon the Chief of Yanaon to let their doctor accompany him. They arriv'd there the 15th when they found Mr. Goddard delirious, who continued so till he dyed, which Mr. Andrews informs me was about three o'clock the next morning.

I have received four thousand 4,000 Madrass pagodas from Vizagapatam, and Mr. Saunders writes me the *Fort St. George* sloop was not arriv'd there the 10th past. As it is probable she has overshot the port and that your honour &ca. will not have an opportunity of sending me a further supply before I shall have occasion for it, and Mr. Goddard having received six thousand 6,000 pagodas a

few days before he dyed which I imagine will not yet be wanted there, I have order'd Mr. Andrews to send them hither by the same peons that brought them from Vizagapatam.

Our last advices from Massulapatam inform us that the report of the Morattas being so near that place was false, nevertheless the alarm was so great that the inhabitants were under the greatest uneasiness for three days.

I am with all imaginable respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient humble servant,

RICHARD PRINCE.

Ingeram,
the 23rd May, 1741.

No. 57.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

This serves only to acquaint you that I this day received a letter from Mr Andrews telling me that, as the Madapollam merchants had a large quantity of cloth upon their hands on account of what money had been before advanc'd them, if he return'd that which was lately brought thither, he apprehended it would make them backward in bringing it in, therefore sent me but three thousand (3,000) pagodas.

I am, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient humble servant,

RICHARD PRINCE.

Ingeram,
the 25th May, 1741.

No. 58.

TO THE HONBLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

This accompanys our packet for the Hon'ble President and Council of Bombay, wh[i]ther we beg your honour &ca. will please to dispatch it as soon as possible.

We have been greatly disappointed this season by having all the returning ships down the coast pass us by some accident or other which has deprived us from receiving any commands from our superiors. Shou'd any letters for us have reach'd your honour &ca. by the passing shipping, we make no doubt but you have been so kind as to have sent them to us.

As we presume by the time this reaches you, some of our Hon'ble masters' ships will be arrived, when if a war with France, we desire you'l please to give us an early information.

We are with due respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient humble servants,

CHARLES WHITEHILL - ROBERT RAWDON—THOMAS PATTLE—THOMAS LANE.

Anjengo,
May 23rd, 1741.

No. 59.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BANYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

We have receiv'd your favour of the 30th ultimo which came to hand the 3d instant, also two letters from Mr. Secretary Savage of the 25th and 26th ultimo

concerning the supply of Pags. 10,000 sent us, which arriv'd here the 30th and turn'd out right.

We send inclos'd a paper seal'd with the Deputy Governour's seal qt. 10 of the Wendawash pagodas which we advis'd in our last letter our shroff reported to be of $6\frac{3}{4}$ touch, which we have no reason to doubt being the same as were sent, the keys being constant in the Deputy Governour's keeping except for a minute or two that the chest has been open'd since by persons he cou'd confide in.

Upon receipt of your last favour we immediately discharged 300 peons and several of the lascars and shall continue to make further reductions daily by discharging the people we find the least occasion for, but we beg to be favour'd with your honour &cas. directions whether you intend we shall reduce the military, peons, lascars &ca. to the number they were about two years ago, before we had any advices of the Morattas' designs of coming this way. We are much doubtfull whether the country is yet settled enough to make such a reduction proper, especially if it be true, as is generally believed hereabouts, and some advices by peons that have lately come from the borders of the Sou Rajah's country confirm, that the Morattas do actually design to return into this province in a few months more which was also mention'd to some of our people by Sasherow when they were at Tritchanopoly. We take the liberty also to mention another matter, which may not be improper to be considered, before we reduce our forces to the old establishment, that is the strength of our neighbours at Pondicherry and the probability of a war in Europe with that nation. By the best accounts we can get they have had at Pondicherry for several months past upwards of 500 Europeans in garrison besides topasses, 600 Europeans more they will have from Miscarine and Mauritius, part of whom are already arriv'd; besides which when their ships arrive from France they can take as many of their men out as they please and put lascars in in their room as they did in the beginning of the year, so that their forces will then be very considerable and capable of doing mischief in case of a war. But we refer this and the other matter concerning the return of the Morattas to your honour &cas. consideration and beg to be favour'd with full directions [how] far you wou'd be pleas'd to have the reduction in our military &ca. carried to and we shall immediately comply with the orders you shall be pleas'd to give.

We inclose our accounts of expences for the month of April and cash accounts for Aprill and May, ballance of which is country Pags. 15,258, Star Pags. 3,350 and in fanams and cash Pags. 7,725-4-2. We have drawn out this last account in two columns, one for country pagodas, the other for Star pagodas, fanams and cash, which we think answers all the ends propos'd by having two accounts kept, and will cause fewer entries in our general books; and therefore if your honour &ca. approve of this method, we shall continue it in future, or otherwise shall keep two distinct accounts, one of the country Pags., the other of the Star pagodas, fanams and cash, as you shall please to direct.

Your honour &ca. will observe by the Paymaster's accounts the sum of Pags. 990 paid for houses and gardens cut down belonging to the military and people in the Company's service, that stood in the way of the guns, and were too near the Fort. As this was thought necessary to be done we cou'd not avoid paying our military &ca. a moderate consideration for the damage they suffer'd thereby, it being absolutely necessary in our opinion to make our men easy at a time when we had reason to fear we shou'd have so much occasion for them. All the trees cut down have been us'd in places where they were of service, particularly in making a strong palisade against the eastward side of the Fort quite into the river and adjoining to the old Moratta work on the faussebray to the northward. By this means the Fort is well secur'd against surprizes. Parcharee Point has been also inclos'd with a palisade of coconut trees which makes it much safer for the people kept there; and others have been set along the north and west sides of Tevnepatam, which is some security to that place and made the inhabitants pretty easy there; besides which a great many coconut trees have been sent to Cuddalore to be set along the riverside where that place is most expos'd. There

is now a strong fence of coconut and palmeira trees set there from the demy ravelin along the river for about ⅔ds of the length of the town on that side, as far as the river was low and fordable, which is a great addition of strength to that side where we had daily apprehensions the Morattas might make some attempts. To make this the trees cut of our soldiers' gardens partly contributed, but more so the gardens cut down at Cuddalore belonging to private people, which upon a very [true ?] valuation we find will amount to about Pags. 1,100 more. We have had application from the owners of these gardens for relief on this occasion but the necessity not being so urgent as what concern'd our own military we have put them off till we can be favour'd with your honour &cas. directions thereupon, which we beg you will be pleas'd to send us. We think the works on which these trees have been us'd were exceeding necessary and therefore hope your honour &ca. will be pleas'd to permit us to give the sufferers a reasonable allowance.

We forgot in our letter of the 2d ultimo when we advis'd of the vakeels accompanying the present of the Moratta Generals to Madrass, to take notice of two Braminies nam'd Vencata Narnapa and Japerawze, whom the Deputy Governor had sent to Tritchanopoly a considerable time before the present was sent thither to adjust all matters in order to get the present well receiv'd there, in which they had been very serviceable by the interest they had made with the chief officers, so that no difficulties were started when our vakeel with the present arriv'd there. We think them on this account deserving of some reward, and recommend them to your honour &ca. for such gratification to be made them as you shall think proper.

The arrack farm was put up at outcry the 20th ultimo, but no one offering above 650 Pags. per annum, we thought proper to keep it in the Company's hands, and therefore continue it under the management of Mr. Floyer.

We are with much respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most obedient servants.

James Hubbard — Edward Croke — Thomas Eyre — Edward Harris — Robert Allen — Charles Floyer.

Fort St. David,
9th June, 1741.

No. 60.

To the Hone'le Richard Benyon Esqr.,
President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

By a pattamar that arriv'd yesterday from Ballasore I receiv'd a packet from Mr. Coalesworth which I now forward to you. By letter dated from thence the 2d of March, I perceive the peons to have exceeded the usual time, occasion'd by the frequent stop̃'ages they mett with in their way, the country being involv'd in war and confusion.

The 22d I receiv'd a letter from Mr. Prince and the 24th one from Mr. Andrews at Madapollam, both advizing the death of Mr. Goddard. Mr. Prince writes me of his having sent Mr. Andrews to assist Mr. Churchey whose short residence there and inexperience in the country government might expose him to many difficulties and ill conveniences. I have desir'd Messrs. Churchey and Andrews to take all imaginable care of our Hon'ble masters' effects till such time as your honour &ca. shall supply that vacancy.

In a few days I shall inclose your honour &ca. the monthly accounts. In the meantime, I am with respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most obedient humble servant,

Thomas Saunders.

Vizagapatam,
the 26th May, 1741.

P. S. I now quite dispair of sloop *Fort St. George* but hope for the best that she has overshot the port. I must request your honour &ca. will send a supply of Madrass pagodas and Arcot rupees *idem*.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.

No. 61.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

I have taken this opportunity to enclose your honour &ca. the journal parcels and cash account for last month, your honour &ca. will observe there is a difference of three pagodas between the last cash account sent you by Mr. Goddard and those lately sent by me, but upon comparing the cash account of July last with the journal parcels of that month, your honour &ca. will find it to be occasioned by an overcredit in the cash at that time. Nothing further material offering at present, I remain with all possible respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient and most humble servant,

JOHN ANDREWS.

Maddepollam,
June the 3d, 1741.

No. 62.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

We are now to acknowledge your honour &ca. favours vizt, of the 28th February and the 22nd and 28th April last, with the invoices, bills of lading and the several other papers mention'd to be inclosed.

It is a pleasure to find that your honour &ca. had not that urgent necessity for recruits as from your first letters this season we fear'd you would have and which made us very uneasie that none could be rais'd here for your service notwithstanding our best endeavours, and we are glad to hear that the greater part of the Moratto's army have proceeded westward and that you have reason to hope none of the European settlements will be molested by them.

The treasure your honour &ca have been pleas'd to send us on the *Princess Louisa* and *Fort St. George* sloops came out right. The *Calcutta* sloop arrived from Vizagapatam this morning with five chests of bullion from your honour &ca. and two chests containing twelve thousand Madrass rupees from Mr. Saunders which came out right. We have not yet weigh'd off the redwood receiv'd by any of the sloops.

We are sorry to acquaint your honour &ca. that the *Fort St. George* sloop miss'd the port of Vizagapatam, so that the treasure &ca. laden on her for the use of that and the other settlements hath been landed here. On this occasion we thought it necessary to open your packet to Mr. Saunders that we might be acquainted with the particulars, which came out according to invoice. The Master of this sloop arrived here very ill but when he is able to come abroad, we shall make a strict enquiry into this affair and if we find him culpable punish him accordingly.

This pattamar goes express to advise your honour &ca. and the gentlemen at Vizagapatam of this accident and by it we transmit thither your letter to Mr. Saunders together with the invoice. The treasure we shall apply to your Hon'ble Masters' service here and give your presidency credit for the amount, having no prospect of sending it up to that factory in any convenient time, or can we procure bills of exchange for it. We are afraid some loss will arise on the sale of the pagodas tho' we have not as yet had sufficient time to know exactly what they will produce at Muxcidavad which is the properest place for disposing of them.

However we cannot think this loss will be anyways adequate to the interest thereon We shall also credit you for the broadcloth and stores mentioned in the invoice.

On the ninth instant our Hon'ble masters' ship *Bedford* arrived here from the West Coast after a tedious passage. By her we receiv'd a letter from the worshipfull Robert Lennox Esqr. Deputy Governor &ca. Council there, dated the 23d October last, advising that they could not possibly lade home more than the *Duke* and *Edgebaston* that season, occasion'd by the disappointment the *Marlborough* and *Duke* met with at Benjar. The first have got (the preceeding year) no more than 862 and the latter only 1,920 pecul of pepper. They tell us they have transmitted their indent of stores to your honour &ca.; so have not sent one here and the inclosed letter they request us to forward.

Captain Wells acquaints us that he met with our Hon'ble masters' ship *Duke of Dorset* on the 25th November in the streights of Banca, that he was forc'd to touch at Prince's Island the 28th December to take in wood and water, where he continued till the 24th February and in that time had advice that Captain Gilbert was safe at Batavia where he intended to stay till the monsoon would permit it of his going to China.

In our last we advised your honour &ca. that Alliverdee Cawn had taken possession of Cuttack shortly after which he return'd to Muxcidavad having appointed his nephew (Seiade Hamet Cawn) Naib Subah of that province, and ever since the country hath remain'd quiet.

We are, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most humble servants,

THOMAS BRADDYLL—RICHARD EYRE—JOHN FORSTEN—WILLIAM DAVIS—
WILLIAM BARWELL—JOHN HALSEY.

Fort William,
12th May, 1741.

No. 63.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST. GEORGE &CA. COUNCIL.

Honourable sir and sirs,

Our last advices went by the *Carolina* sloop under date of the 7th June; and this waits on your honour &ca. by the way of Bengall to inform you that the *Bedford*, Captain William Wells, arrived here from London the 29th September and brought a generall letter from the Honourable Court of Directors, dated 2d January last, wherein they advise to have taken up the *Edgbaston*, Captain Cobham, for Madagascar, Bencoolen and Benjar, and direct if there be no prospect of success at Borneo and if we have not sufficient to load home the *Edgbaston*, *Bedford* and *Hardwicke* by the help of the petre &ca. which they order the latter to bring from Bengall, that we then forward to Bengall the first of the two former who shall arrive here.

That being the present case, as the *Duke* return'd hither the 28th of August from Benjar with no more than 1,920 pecul of pepper, the Sultan haveing broke through all the promisses which he made to Mr. Hurlock the preceeding year, we are now loading the *Duke* whose charter-party expires the 31st January next and intend also to freight home the *Edgbaston*, which two ships are the utmost we can be able to load and have therefore according to the Hon'ble Company's permission forwarded the *Bedford* to Bengall.

That ship brought 15 chests of old Mexico dollars. We have kept 5 of them and forwarded the other 10 to the Hon'ble the President &ca. Council of Bengall.

As we transmitted to your honour &ca. an indent of what we are in want of from Bengall for the use of this settlement, we have only to add our request that you will order us a good supply of gunney baggs by the first opportunity and one half of them double gunneys.

The *Somersett* sail'd for England the 23d August with 300 ton of petre, 30 ton of redwood and 244 ton of pepper.

The *Duke of Dorsett*, Capt. Thomas Gilbert, bound for China touched here the 2d September, having lost her passage; and after her men who were very ill of the scurvy had recover'd strength, the ship proceeded the 23d September to make a tryall to gain her consign'd port.

We have nothing material to acquaint your honour &ca. with concerning the affairs of the country except that we are as yet undisturb'd from Siddee Ibrahim and his followers.

Inclosed is a list of ships' arrival at St. Hellena and their departure in 1739 and 1740.

We are Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most humble servants,

ROBERT LENNOX—WILLIAM RIGG—CHARLES BARBUT—WILLIAM COLES—J. HURLOCK.

Fort Marlbro,
23d October, 1740.

No. 64.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

My last address to your honour &ca was the 26th ultimo. Yesterday came a pattamar from Bengall advising of the safe arrival of sloop *Fort St. George*, and that the treasure and stores by her turn'd out right for which (as no proper conveyance would offer for this place) they design to credit your presidency for. They write also that our Hon'ble masters' ship *Bedford*, Captain Wells, imported there the 9th ultimo, having left Fort Marlbrow the 23d October by whom they had news of the arrival of the *Duke of Dorset*, Capt. Gilbert at Batavia bound for China.

I now forward to you the packet receiv'd from the Hon'ble Thomas Braddyll Esqr. &ca. Council, and inclose cash and Paymaster's accounts for last month.

The country about us is in peace. I have paid the kistee to Cashingcoat, but not comply'd with their unnecessary demand of an additional present.

I am Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient humble servants,

THOMAS SAUNDERS.

Vizagapatam,
the 15th June, 1741.

No. 65.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST. GEOGE &CA. COUNCIL.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

Having met with the account of cloth sorted for the year 1739 as likewise with your honour &cas. account of adjustments for that year, I have, agreeable to them, closed those books, which I now send your honour &ca.

I have got come in since Mr. Goddard's death eight hundred pieces of cloth and daily continue to remind the merchants of their ballances; but as I know the case of some of them is desperate it must be a work of time. Nothing further material offers itself at present. The country government is very quiet.

I am in daily expectation of receiving your honour &cas. orders. In the meantime I remain with all possible respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient and most humble servant,

JOHN ANDREWS.

MADDAPOLLAM,
June the 18th, 1741.

No. 66.

To the Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.,
President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

We have receiv'd your favour of the 19th ultimo and shall observe your directions therein. We have reduc'd the number of our peons to 270, which somewhat exceeds indeed our old establishment, but we think it is not possible hardly to make a further curtail, considering the great difficulty of getting them in case we shou'd want again.

Inclos'd are our accounts of expences for May and cash account for June, ballance whereof is in country Pags. 15,258 and Star pagodas fanams and cash, 8,468-1-78.

We are with respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient servants,

James Hubbard—Edward Croke—Thomas Eyre—Robert Allen—Charles Floyer.

Fort St. David,
6th July, 1741.

P.S. Our stock of Star pagodas being near out we beg the favour of a fresh supply.

No. 67.

To the Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.,
President and Governour &ca. Council at Fort St. George.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

Our Hon'ble masters' ship *Hallifax* who sailed hence the 20th ultimo carried our last to you[r] honour &ca.; since when we have not been favoured with any from you.

The gentlemen in Persia lately transmitted us an extract of a letter received by the Jesuits in Spahaun, copy of which we now enclose your honour &ca. From the purport whereof you will perceive the situation of affairs in Europe and that the death both of the Czarina and Emperor at that juncture, we may conclude, will afford some notable turn; or even should this happen contrarywise the measures of the French in seizing that considerable port of Leghorn will naturally afford jealousy and umbrage to the maritime powers and the Great Duke of Tuscany in whose territories it lay; and on the death of the late Emperor his eldest daughter married to that Duke being named heiress to the Austrian Dominions, tho' the States have only declared her Regent of the hereditary domains, may be a means of influencing the Empire to resent that insult, and in such case consequently the warr becomes generall; and as our duty to our employers calls upon us to give the most earliest intelligence, we send this purposely to apprize your honour &ca. that should matters take so disagreeable a termination we doubt not from this preadvice your honour &ca. will be in such a posture as we hope will be sufficient to oppose any designs that may be attempted against our Hon'ble masters' estate and property.

As it is not unlikely but the ships designed this year from England will be retarded in their outsett, we shall be obliged to your honour &ca. for a communication of any advices you may receive by such of our Hon'ble masters' ships that arrive at your port.

We are Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most humble servants,

Stephen Law—John Morley—William Sedgwicke—George Dudley.

Bombay Castle,
the 26th May, 1741.

An Extract of a letter to the Jesuits att Spahaum.

The most material news from Europe is the election of a new Pope; his name is Lambertini, Archbishop of Boulogne, created Cardinal by Ben[o]it XIII. He

was nominated to the Papacy the 14th August 1740 and has taken the name of Ben[o]it.

The Empress of Russia died the 28th of last October. She had declared, before her death, the son of her sister's daughter, Czar, a young prince of 7 months old, and at the time of her death she nominated the Duke of Courland, Regent, till the Czar should be 17 years old.

Eight days after the death of the Czarina died the Emperour of Germany. He had nominated his eldest daughter, married to the Great Duke of Tuscany, heiress to the Austrian dominion, but the States have declared her only Regent of the Heriditary Demesnes.

Before the Emperour's death the Turkish ambassadour began to talk in so haughty a manner at Vienna that the Aulique Council thought proper to desire the interposition of the French ambassador to accom'odate affairs.

The French with 28 men-of-warr have made themselves masters of the port of Leghorn, with what views not as yet known.

The Turks make great preparations for warr with the Persians. Provisions, ammunition &ca. are continually going to Bagdat, Mousul &ca. It's said the Grand Seignior intends to head his army himself. Shawen Shaw makes the like preparations. He has forced all the workmen he can find to make gunns, arrows &ca. implements of warr without number.

No. 68.

To the Honb'le Richard Benyon Esqr.,
President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

The foregoing is duplicate of our last respects to your honour &ca. Since when we have been informed from Tellicherry, that what money, military and stores the presidency sent us was on board of the *Hallifax*, Capt. Blake, who we hear intended to touch at your port. We presume he has deliver'd them to your honour &ca; don't doubt but you'l be pleased to forward them to us by the earliest conveyance to this coast, especially as we are much in want of the men and money; and the disappointment of the gunner is exceeding unfortunate at this juncture, as we have not one man in this place that knows anything of the art of gunnery, but we hope he will be here early in the season.

The King of Trevancore has beseig'd the Dutch in their entrenchments at Coletchy, and by his numbers designs to carry his works on, which overtops those of his enemys, close to theirs, from whence he proposes entring, and if we may give credit to the reports of the Mallabars he has great hopes of succeeding.

The accompanying packet for the presidency, we again begg your honour &ca. will be pleas'd to forward as soon as possible, and we shall be very thankfull for an early account of the Europe news. We are most respectfully, Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most humble servants,

Charles Whitehill—Robert Rawdon—Thomas Pattle—Thomas Lane.

Anjengo,
15th June, 1741.

No. 69.

To the Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.,
President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

As sloop *Fort St. George* has overshot the port, this is to request your compliance with the inclos'd indents which we shall be in great want of; 'tis so

lately that I address your honour &ca. that I have now only to subscribe, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient humble servant,

Vizagapatam, the 21st June, 1741.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.

A LIST OF WARES AND STORES WANTING AT THIS FACTORY.

Broadcloth superior, fine scarlet		pieces	12
Broadcloth, fine scarlet			12
Broadcloth, aurora			12
Broadcloth, ordinary			
Red	12		
Green	12		24
Perpetuanoes, ordinary			
Red	5		
Green	5		
Yellow	5		
Blew	5		20
Broadcloth midling, green			2
Embos'd cloth, yellow			2
Stationary wares chest.			
General stores.			
Woodoil			6 jarrs.
Rattans			20 bundles.
Padlocks			10

Vizagapatam, 21st June, 1741

THOMAS SAUNDERS,
Warehousekeeper & Storekeeper.

No. 70.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.

Sir,

The *Calcutta* grabb belonging to the Hon'ble Company haveing left Tellechery the first of May and bound the Bengall, the fifth att night after a very hard squall of wind the vessell proved very leakey and continually encreas'd, the pumps never lying still. On the twelvth wee past the Cape Coomoroon and thought to have gone about Zealoane but the currant and a large swell sett us about eight leagues to the leward of Galle. Wee still endeavour'd to gett round the Island, but itt blowing very hard from the south-west and the water encreasing in the vessell and the people being all tire'd that I could hardly keep to the pump, and seeing no hopes of our getting round the Island wee constantly looseing ground, wee the eighteenth bore away for Colombo wheare wee arriv'd the same day. In the afternoon here wee found rideing the ship *Richard*, Capt. Northleigh, from Anjengo to Madrass but could not gett about the Island. Our vessell drawing but little water wee have secur'd her in the small bay that's here; the Hon'ble Company's cotten have gott itt on shore in the Dutch Companys; the vessell is very much out of repair; her sheathing wants to bee taken of and to bee caulk'd all over.

I haveing no money to pay the expence, I have apply'd to the Governour here who tells that I shall have everything wee want [on] my giveing a note upon Mr. Braddyl att Bengall for the money he shall disburse upon our account.

I begg you will bee pleas'd to write to the Governour here upon our account, they promising us a great deall but perform very little and are very backward in

assisting us. We had a great deall of bad weather for some days past. The ship *Richard*, Capt. Northleigh, about two in the morning on the twenty-sixth instant parted att an anchor and went all to pieces. The people are most of them saved and Capt. Northleigh is trieing to save what he can of goods and vessell. Capt. Northleigh I presume will write you all particulars.

I am, sir, your most obedient humble servant,

JOHN BECK.

Colombo,
28th May, 1741.

No. 71.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST. GEORGE &CA. COUNCIL.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

We are favour'd with your honours &ca. of the 15th past, inclosing the Warehousekeeper's accounts for the year 1739 and 1740, accounts of adjustments and open account current. The books for the year 1739 were sent by Mr. Andrews the 18th past which we hope your honour &ca. have received; those for the year 1740 are now in hand, and we shall take care to send them your honour in due time.

We observe your honour &cas. orders with regard to Mr. Goddard's effects, and have accordingly taken them into our possession, and in order to the better disposal of the same, we have sent copys of the inventorys to all the neighbouring settlements; and as we dispose of them shall give your honour &ca. an account of sales.

We now enclose your honour &ca. the journal parcels and cash account for last month; and are, with all possible respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient and most humble servants,

JOHN ANDREWS—JOHN CHURCHEY.

Madapollam,
July the 7th, 1741.

No. 72.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

We have receiv'd your favour of the 10th instant accompanying the supply of 5,000 new pagodas, which arriv'd with us the 14th and turn'd out right.

The 8th instant the *Triton*, Capt. Butler, from France past our road for Pondicherry and the *Argonaut*, Capt. Gilbert the 17th. The former brought 121 chests of silver, and the latter 54 chests. The French give out they expect several more ships with a great number of men. They have already, as we are inform'd, about 1,200 Europeans, and shou'd a war break out in Europe, we have much reason to believe upon the first advice of it, that they will form some project against our Hon'ble masters, for which reason we must leave it to your honour &cas. consideration whether it will not be necessary to strengthen this garrison which is the nearest them, with more Europeans as soon as possible. We have at present in both companies but 104 Europe centinels, of whom near $\frac{1}{4}$ part are old and infirm. The French at Pondicherry appear to us at present to be quite on a different footing than they were, as we are inform'd, in the war in Queen Ann's time, when they were poor and willing to keep on good terms with the English settlements. But they seem now to be full of ambitious projects and bent upon enlarging their possessions in India by any means.

Our merchants having already had advanc'd them 6,000 pagodas this month and wanting more as they say in few days, we beg your honour &ca. will be pleased to send us a further supply of country pagodas, and at the same time two

or three thousand more new pagodas. We desire among the country pagodas there may be none of the Wendawash and Trivatore pagodas, which will not pass hereabout. Of these we have about two thousand five hundred which with your permission, we shall send by the peons that bring the next remittance on their return, as we cannot be able to pass them here. The country pagodas that pass the best this way are the Allumpara pagodas, but as yet none as we find are refus'd but the two sorts above mention'd.

We are with much respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient servants, James Hubbard—Edward Croke—Thomas Eyre—Edward Harris—Robert Allen—Charles Floyer.

Fort St. David,
22d July, 1741.

No. 73.

Constantinople, the 15th September 1740.

To the Hon'ble the Governour and the factory of Fort St. George.

Sirs,

Signior Domenico Kiundell on his return hither last year deliver'd me your letter of the 27th of August, 1736.

I am altogether a stranger to the particular views of my predecessor in the dispatch of this person, and to the instructions he might be charg'd with, and I have not so good an opinion of him as to think it worthwhile to make any enquirys of him. Whilst he was upon his voyage I thought it necessary to acquaint the late Mr. French of Basserah that I desown'd whatever he might take upon himself to say in my name, and to desire him to caution the Chiefs and Factorys in India against giving credit to anything of that kind, and I have removed him from any further relation to the publick service. However I can very truly assure you I have the same regard and attention my predecessor expresst for the advantage and interests of you and all his Majesty's subjects, and shall be glad to shew it by protecting them upon all occasions, and doing everything in my power towards putting the trade from India to the ports of this Empire in the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf upon a better foot as well of security as of advantage.

By what I have yet seen of this trade I cannot perceive that it gives room for any jealousys on either side of a competition between the charters of the India and Levant Company, and I am perswaded those persons who have the direction of the interests of those Companys are above thwarting any national advantage from insufficient motives of this kind.

I am not so well acquainted with the nature of this trade as to be able to offer any schemes or hints for the promoting it, but I have written to the persons employ'd at Basserah and those who came to Giudda, to inform myself how they are treated in point of custom, and to know if any offices at the Porte can be of any use to them, and I shall be glad to learn from them or any other way how I may contribute to the advancement of a national interest or that of any particular subject of His Majesty. In the meantime I am endeavouring to recover as well the debts due to the late Mr. French of Basserah as [well as] to the supercargos who have been at Giudda and to procure better treatment hereafter to such as may come to that port. I hope to succeed in both. The orders of the Vizir are positive; the new Bashaw of Giudda bears a very good character, and I have endeavour'd to make the ministers of the Porte sensible how much it is for the interest of this Empire to encourage the trade from India into their own ports. I think you do very prudently to have recourse to the Company in whatever you may have in view of this nature. I shall likewise communicate with that I am more immediately concern'd for every thing that may occur in the course of these affairs if in this or any other way I can be of use to you. I shall be pleas'd to know how I may give you proofs of my being very sincerely.

Gentlemen,
Your affectionate friend and servant,
Everard Fawkener.

No. 74.

To the Hon'ble the President and Council of Fort St. George.

Gentlemen,

Not being able to provide our cargo of coffee at this port nor to procure more than 2,000 bales of that commodity, and having in such case instructions from our Hon'ble masters to consigne the ship to you, we doe therefore hereby acquaint you that so soon as our coffee above-mentioned [being] on board and Mr. Thomson our Chief arrived from Beedlefuckee, we shall proceed for your port accordingly. We are gentlemen, your most humble servants,

William May—John Pelly, Junior.

Mocha,
24th June, 1741.

P.S. This goes by the *Benyon*, Capt. Baillie, duplicate whereof will be conveyed by the *Serum*, Capt. Richard Pierce.

No. 75.

To the Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.,
President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

I herewith send you an account of what cloth is now embaled as also what is at the washers, and by the middle of next month I expect to get in about fifty bales more. If the cloth that has been brought me had measured right I should have had at least double the quantity, but the French measure has put the weavers upon making of short cloth throughout the whole country, and if nothing obliges them to contract their business next year I am afraid it will prove the ruin of the Company's investments in these parts.

If our last year's cloth is all sorted I request your honour &ca. will be pleased to order me the account of it that I may close the books and send you copys of them in time.

I am with the greatest respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient and most humble servant,

Ingeram, Richard Prince.
the 2d July, 1741.

List of bales at Nellapilly, vizt.—

Longcloth, ordinary, embaled	...	20
Do. at the washers	...	60
Longcloth, fine of the 1st sort at the washers	...	13
Longcloth, fine of the 2d. sort	Do. ...	4
Sallampores, ordinary at the washers	...	1
Sallampores, fine	Do. ...	2
Izzarees	Do. ...	1
		101 bales.

No. 76.

To the Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.,
President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

The 8th instant we received your honour &ca. letter of the 16th past, accompanying our several packets. In that from Tellicherry enclosing one from our Hon'ble masters by ship *Godolphin*, was one for your honour &ca. which we now return, and is the occasion of these pattamars.

Our military, money and stores we must beg your honour &ca. will please (by such methods as you think most proper) to send to us as early as possible, which we are in much want of.

The King of Trevancore still continues his seige against Coletchy, and tho' he has several of his batterys within forty yards of their fortification, still he has not been able to perform anything very material, and from such delays we can't judge of his success.

From the violent threatning letters we have received from the gentlemen at Cochin we are to[o] certain their intentions are entirely to root us out here, and had they according to their expectations managed their affairs at Coletchy so expeditiously as to have returned to the assistance of the northern powers in their attempts against Attinga, they without doubt wou'd have carry'd it, when we shou'd have been wholy deprived from every communication with the country round us and the country powers in all likelyhood set on us, tho' without our good neighbours' great assistance indeed they cou'd not have done more then blockt us up. The gunner is what we are in great necessity of, and hope he will be here early in the season, as the Dutch and their allies propose great matters as soon as the fair season opens.

We are most respectfully, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient humble servants,

CHARLES WHITEHILL—ROBERT RAWDON—THOMAS PATTLE.

Anjengo,
July 11th, 1741.

No. 77.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

Your favour of the 30th June with the account sortments of my last year's cloth was brought me this day. As cotton is now within a trifle as dear as it was last year and rising daily, I am afraid I shall not be able to get the betteelas any cheaper or better; therefore shall follow your honour &cas. directions and not provide any more.

What cloth is now at the washers and what more may be brought in this month shall be got in a readiness to ship on board the *George* so soon as she arrives.

I am with great respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient and most humble servant,

RICHARD PRINCE.

Ingeram,
the 18th July, 1741.

No. 78.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

We have receiv'd a letter from Mr. Secretary Savage of the 1st instant, advising that a supply of 10,000 pagodas wou'd set out the same day, which is not yet arriv'd.

Inclosed is our Storekeeper's account of stores decayed, worn out and lost by weight this year, with Messieurs Eyre and Allen's report thereof. We desire your honour &cas. permission to write off the same to profit and loss.

Under the same cover are our accounts of expences for June and cash account for July, the ballance whereof is in country pagodas 5,188–0–0 and Star pagodas, fanams and cash 10,720–8–68.

The 29th ultimo arriv'd at Pondicherry from France the *Chauvelin*, Monsieur Dufresne, Commander. We have not yet receiv'd any account of her cargo.

Mr. Borlace Stacey having been in an ill state of health sometime past and the doctors giving him hopes that a change of air might be serviceable to him, we granted his request to take his passage on the *Kent* which sail'd for Madrass fearing lest a delay might prove dangerous, and therefore hope your honour &ca. will excuse the liberty we have taken.

We are with much respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient servants, JAMES HUBBARD—EDWARD CROKE—THOMAS EYRE—EDWARD HARRIS—ROBERT ALLEN—CHARLES FLOYER.

Fort St. David,
4th August, 1741.

AN ACCOUNT OF STORES DECAY'D, WORN OUT, BROKE AND WASTED IN THE MANY RETAILING DRAUGHTS OF THE YEAR, AMOUNTING TO PAGS. 266–13–53, ARE AS FOLLOWS.

	md. lb.								
Iron Europe, 7 md. $22\frac{5}{8}$ Vizt.									
Bolt iron	1 $7\frac{7}{8}$	1	6	21					
Iron flatt barr	3 $4\frac{3}{4}$	1	9	66					
Iron square barr	1 $6\frac{1}{4}$	0	22	45					
Double headed shott	5	0	3	48					
Iron hoops	1 $9\frac{7}{8}$	0	35	12					
Iron old	$9\frac{7}{8}$	0	7	9					
Spicke iron	4	0	3	36					
	7 $22\frac{5}{8}$				4	15	77		
Country iron	19				0	9	46		
								4	25	43
Saltpetre, $9\frac{1}{2}$ Vizt.									
Bengal	$8\frac{1}{2}$				5	1	44		
Country	1								
	—— $9\frac{1}{2}$				...	25	32		
								5	26	76
Brimstone	3 $10\frac{1}{4}$							1	27	38
Bengal butter	$20\frac{3}{4}$							0	30	4
Ghee	3 $8\frac{1}{4}$							4	11	42
Redwood	1 19							0	14	20
Oil Bengal	$33\frac{1}{2}$ seer.							1	1	12
Arrack	$42\frac{1}{4}$ gallons Vizt.								
Batavia Arrack	$34\frac{1}{4}$				9	29	40		
Colomba do.	8				2	10	40		
	$42\frac{1}{4}$ gallons.							12	4	0
Martivan jarrs	4							15	0	0
General Stores—	md. lb.								
Steel Europe	$20\frac{3}{4}$				0	25	11		
Nails No. 2	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	67					
do. 3	$4\frac{1}{2}$	0	13	23					
do.	$21\frac{1}{4}$	1	6	79					
do. 7	1 $9\frac{3}{4}$	1	33	40					
do. 9	$15\frac{3}{4}$	0	23	42					
do.	$1\frac{7}{8}$	0	2	50					
do. spicke	$11\frac{1}{2}$	0	13	70					
do. sheathing	12	0	14	69					
do. six penny	$12\frac{1}{2}$	0	24	53					
do. four penny	11	0	26	3					
do. pump	2	0	8	26					
do. three penny	5	0	13	18					
do. twenty penny	5	0	11	29					
do. twenty four penny	$6\frac{1}{2}$	0	14	59					
do. thirty penny	6	0	13	48					
do.	$11\frac{1}{2}$	0	23	15					
	6 $11\frac{5}{8}$				8	29	51		
Sheet lead	4				0	3	12		
Dammer	2 $15\frac{1}{2}$				0	30	54		
Wood oil	$30\frac{1}{2}$ seer.				1	25	0		
Coyre	$4\frac{1}{4}$				0	3	45		
Lead	$8\frac{1}{4}$				0	7	51		
Padlock	1				0	4	68		
								12	21	52

Gunners Stores—										
Hatchets	2				0	15	39			
Armoury Stores.										
New bayonet peice	1 lost.	2	20	10						
Bayonets	6 do.	0	27	24						
Amunition chest	1 rotten.	0	20	28						
					3	31	62			
								62	29	68
Sundry Stores survey'd and found unfit for service Vizt.										
General Stores—	qr. lb.									
Grapnole 1 pz.	3 26 worn out.	3	34	74						
Country timber	7 rotten.	2	23	47						
Axle trees	5 do.	1	21	74						
Top mast	1 do.	0	18	0						
					8	26	35			
Carriage for great gun	1 unserviceable.				14	16	29			
Boat, massoola	1 broke in peices in the sarf the peices that were good went for repairing the other two massoolas.				13	18	0			
Gunners Stores—										
Iron mortar carriage	1 unserviceable.	7	3	0						
Spunge staves	4 broke.	0	30	60						
Hand spicks	300 broke and lost.	16	35	5						
Glass granado shell	1 broke.	0	2	3						
Iron torch	1 do.	3	13	40						
Coyre hausser	1 worn out.	6	28	15						
Tarpawlins	10 do.	43	15	33						
Steel bits and drifts	20 broke and twisted.	0	30	40						
Gin and poles	2 unrepairable.	45	33	0						
Dark lanterns	2 unfit for use.	0	24	0						
Sail needles	50 broke.	0	14	15						
Platforms for chillingas	4 do.	21	10	34						
Powder barrels	4½ unserviceable.	1	25	9						
Half hour glasses	7 do.	0	19	38						
					149	32	55			
Armoury Stores—										
Drums	4 unserviceable.	12	20	57						
Gunstocks	20 rotten.	4	13	49						
					16	34	26			
								203	19	65
						Pags.	...	266	13	53

Errors excepted
per Charles Floyer,
Storekeeper.

To the Worshipfull James Hubbard Esqr.,
Deputy Governour of Fort St. David &ca. Council.

Worshipfull sir and sirs,

Agreeable to an order to that purpose we have servey'd the damag'd stores as by the Storekeeper's account deliver'd us and find them so far decay'd as to be unfit for further service and for those wanting in weight and measure &ca., we presume it may be reasonably imputed to the many retailing draughts of the year and the extraordinary expence and use of them in the late troubles.

We are, Worshipfull sir and sirs, your most obedient servants,

Thomas Eyre—Robert Allen.

Fort St. David,
31st July, 1741.

No. 79.

To the Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.,
President and Governour of Fort St. George &ca. Council.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

The occasion of this is to advise your honour &ca. of the death of our Deputy Governour about 3 a clock this morning of a kind of nervous disorder which had

prey'd upon him for some days. On this occasion we met this morning and found the Hon'ble Company's cash to be as by the account inclos'd, in country pagodas 9,581 Star pagodas, 9,189 and in fanams and cash to amount of Pags. 7,081-8-68. In that account your honour &ca. will observe a deduction of 57 Pags. which is said to be return'd of the last remittance receiv'd here, as of a sort our shroff reported to be not current in this part of the country. The ballance is replac'd in the cash chest and the keys deliver'd in charge to Messrs. Croke, Eyre and Floyer, till we can be favour'd with your honour &cas. orders concerning it.

The detachment of 30 recruits under conduct of two serjeants came in yesterday. The serjeants will be return'd after a day or two's rest from their journey.

We are with all respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient servants,

EDWARD CROKE—THOMAS EYRE—EDWARD HARRIS—ROBERT ALLEN—CHARLES FLOYER.

Fort St. David,
10th August, 1741.

THE HON'BLE UNITED COMPANYS CASH.

DR.

August					Pags.	P.	f.	c.
1	To ballance from last month account, Country Pags.				5,188			
	In Star pagodas	3,576	0	0	...	...		
	In fanams and cash	7,144	8	68	...	...		
						10,720	8	8
6	To account current Fort St. George received from thence by peons, Country pagodas ...	4,450	0	0	...	...		
	Returned by Mr. Hubbard to the Hon'ble President, being bad	57	0	0				
					4,393			
	To ditto receiv'd from thence in Star pagodas.					5,550	0	0
					9,581	16,270	8	68

Per contra.

CR.

August					Pags.	P.	f.	c.
10	By ballance now remaining in the cash chest							
	Country				9,581			
	In Star Pags.	9,189	0	0				
	In fanams and cash	7,081	8	68				
						16,270	8	68

Fort St. David,
August the 10th, 1741.

Errors excepted
per EDWARD CROKE—THOMAS EYRE—CHARLES FLOYER.

No. 80.

To the Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.,
President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

Your commands of the 30th January *per* Capt. Mylne I received the 2d ultimo with the packet for the Hon'ble the Court of Directors and the duplicate the 9th May; the first was forwarded to Aleppo the 3d ultimo and recommended to His Majesty's Counsel but the duplicate I was obliged to detain till the 19th, by reason of the revolt of the desart Arabs. I shortly expect to hear of their safe arrival at Aleppo.

I am with the greatest respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient and most humble servant,

Thomas Dorril.

Bussorah,
June the 10th, 1741.

No. 81.

To the Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.,
President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

Mr. Allen one of the Deputy Governour's trustees having this morning found among his papers the following letters from your honour &ca. which we suppose his indisposition hinder'd him from communicating to us, namely your favours of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd instant, we are yet to acknowledge them. That of the 1st accompanying the supply of ten thousand pagodas, which was duely receivd, as your honour &ca. may have observ'd by the Cash account inclos'd in our letter advising of his death. To that of the 3rd directing the providing of blue cloth and romals which, as his sickness has hitherto prevented any progress in it, we presume, it may not be improper now to defer it till the arrival of your honour &cas. orders in consequence of the Deputy's Governour's death.

The money your honour &ca. are pleas'd to permit to be returnd to you by the peons that brought the last supply, being as the shroff says to about 3,353 pagodas of sorts not now current in the country about us, as that opportunity is now slipt, we think it safer to defer it till such another offers.

We have also a letter from Mr. Secretary Savage only to give account of thirty recruits which we have already mention'd to be arriv'd. The serjeants who brought them will set out on their return tomorrow morning.

Being in great want of packing stuff, iron, stationary &ca. we take the liberty to send indents of the proper quantitys and to desire your honour &ca. will please to order they may be supply'd and sent here by the first opportunity.

By advice from Pondicherry, the ship *Chauvelin* mention'd in ours of the 4th instant imported 106 chests of silver with some guns and amunition, and that she is soon to proceed to Bengal.

We are with all respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient humble servants,

Edward Croke—Thomas Eyre—Edward Harris—Robert Allen—
Charles Floyer.

Fort St. David,
12th August, 1741.

Indent of stores wanting at Fort St. David.

Iron Europe vizt.

Iron flatt barr	20 candy.
Iron square	10 „
Bolt iron small	3 „
Rod iron	1 „
Europe tarr	6 barrels.

Chaulk	200 lb.
Small stock locks	24
Long spunge staves	12
Europe rope of 3 inch	2 coil.
Ditto do. 2½ inch	2
Drums	4
Manilha skins	50
Brass locks	4
Globe lamp glasses	3

Fort St. David, — CHARLES FLOYER,
1st August, 1741. — Storekeeper.

INDENT FOR WARES WANTING IN THE WAREHOUSE VIZT.

Broadcloth, scarlet	1 bale.
Broadcloth grass green	2 pieces.
Emboss'd cloth of yellow ground with flowers of red.	2 ,,
Whitelead	1 barrel.

PACKING STUFF VIZT.

Gunnys	3,000 pieces.
Ropes	10 candy.
Twine	2 ,,

Fort St. David, — EDWARD CROKE,
August the 12th, 1741. — Warehousekeeper.

LIST OF STATIONARY WARE VIZT.

Royal paper	2 reams.
Demy ,, ...	2 ,,
Medium or general letter paper	5 ,,
Post	5 ,,
Foolscap	6 ,,
	20 reams.
Quills	3,000
Penknives	12
Ink glasses	24
Scissars	10 pairs.
Red tape	12 pieces.
Rulers	12
Hones and straps	8 of each.
Pencils	24
Ivory folders	8
Sand boxes	8
Sealing wax	8 lb.
Pounce	2 lb.
Blue paper	6 quire.

Fort St. David, — JOSPH FOWKE,
12th August, 1741. — Secretary.

No. 82.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,

PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

Conformable to the orders we receiv'd from the Hon'ble Court of Directors we herewith inclose you bill of loading for 1816 whole and 330 half bales coffee, three chest and one bagg of silver, shipt on board the ship *Prince of Wales*, Capt. John Pelly, Junior, Commander, to whom (as you'l see per the inclosed coppy of

the orders given him) we have given directions to obey their [your ?] orders for his further proceedure.

Wee are Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient humble servants,

THOMAS THOMSON—WILLIAM MAY—JOHN PELLY, JUNIOR.

Mocha,
July 20th, 1741.

No. 83.

TO THE HON'BLE THE PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

Wee haveing at ballanceing our accounts a remainder of cash in our hands of Spanish Dollars 96-67, being 85 oz. 16 dt. 22 gs. silver have delivered same to Capt. Pelly, and herewith inclosed you have his receipt for it, as also for a case containing weights and scales, one pair of steel yards and a small triangle.

Wee are, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient and most humble servants,

THOMAS THOMSON—WILLIAM MAY—JOHN PELLY, JUNIOR.

Mocha,
July the 20th, 1741.

TO CAPT. JOHN PELLY, JUNIOR, COMMANDER OF THE SHIP *Prince of Wales*.

Sir,

Wee hereby require you to sail with the ship *Prince of Wales* directly for Madrass on the Coast of Cormandell, and on your arrivall at the said port of Madrass to apply yourself to the Hon'ble the President and Council of Fort St. George, delivering to them the pacquett wee herewith deliver you directed to them, and wee hereby further direct you to follow all such orders as you shall receive from the said President and Council for your further proceedure. We wish you a good voyage, Sir, your most humble servants,

THOMAS THOMSON—WILLIAM MAY—JOHN PELLY, JUNIOR.

Mocha,
July 20th, 1741.

No. 84.

TO THE HONOURABLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

Under the 12th ultimo we acknowledged the receipt of your honour &ca. letter of the 16th June.

The 31st past the Dutch at Coletchy was obliged to surrender their fortification to the King, which will be no small mortification to the gentlemen at Cochin who we hear very unjustly accuse us, tho' we are informed want of provisions obliged them to give it up. However their violent anger we wish we may not underhand in some shape or other feel, as their warr with Trevancore is in a great measure to deprive our Hon'ble masters of the [tr]ade of this their settlement.

As Trevancore's great hatred to the Dutch nation will make him gratifie the French in anything to protect him from their insults, tho' it must be equally prejudicial to him to let them be masters of his country, we are pretty certain of the constant correspondence with them and the King and their promise of being here early in the season which we are apprehensive they will now comply with to take possession of Coletchy before the Dutch c[o]me on the Coast, tho' we are using ou[r] utmost endeavours to persuade the King from so prejudicial a step to our Hon'ble employers, especially at a time we fear must prove of the worst ill consequence to us.

The 1st instant we received orders from our superiors at Bombay, to be on our guard and put ourselves in the best posture of defence, from the appearance of a warr which late news they receiv'd overland from Persia with the French seizing on Leghorn and the Emperor and Czarina's death.

As your honour &ca. was pleas'd to mention to us the uncertainty of a conveyance early from your port to send our stores and men, our garrison being very weak and no men to be got in our small limits, with such appearance of troubles all round us, we have come to the resolution of dispatching the *Duke of Cumberland* sloop to your honour &ca. and have agreed with the owners for the freight, should your honour &ca. have no early conveyance to send the men and stores. The treasure we leave to your honour &ca. to send on any more secure occasion as our necessitys are not so great for that article as for our people, especially Mr. Waters the gunner and desire your honour &ca. will please to return her as soon as you judge the season of the year will permit, as she may be early with us before the other shipping arrive.

We have had a great regard in not putting our Hon'ble masters to a needless expence and have agreed with the owners, shou'd your honour &ca. have got an opportunity to remit our stores, that she is then on the owners account and in such case you'l be pleased to direct the Master to follow his instructions from them.

We are in daily expectation of some news from your honour &ca and have now only to add that we are most respectfully, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient humble servants,

CHARLES WHITEHILL—ROBERT RAWDON—THOMAS PATTLE—THOMAS LANE.

Anjengo,
August 8th, 1741.

P.S. If your honour &ca. think proper to return our men and stores on this sloop, please to give the Master your passport in the Company's name.

Idem WHITEHILL—R. RAWDON—THOMAS PATTLE—THOMAS LANE.

No. 85.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

We are favour'd with your honour &cas. letter of the 7th advising of ten thousand pagodas to be sent us from Allumbrum. That money is accordingly come in an[d] put into the cash chest.

We shall be glad to receive Mr. Burton whom your honour &ca. have been pleas'd to appoint our Deputy Governour with all respect and wish him success in our Honourable masters' affairs.

We have laden on board the *Mary* brigantine 210 bales of callicoes, whereof 70 are of our last year's cloth, the invoice of which amounting to Pagodas 5,208-3-0 is inclosed; the other, 140 bales are what embal'd of this year's goods, the invoice of the contents of which and the first bill of lading for all are also inclos'd.

In our last we inclos'd our Warehousekeeper's and Storekeeper's indents of wares and stores wanting as also stationary ware, which we beg your honour &ca. wou'd be pleas'd to supply us with, by the return of the brigantine.

Hereunder is a list of cloth on hand. We are with much respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most obedient humble servants,

EDWARD CROKE—THOMAS EYRE—EDWARD HARRIS—ROBERT ALLEN—CHARLES FLOYER.

Fort St. David,
August the 20th, 1741.

List of cloth.	bales.
Embal'd	24
At the beaters	143
At the washers	119
	286 bales.

No. 86.

To the Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.,
President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

The above is duplicate of what we wrote yesterday per *Mary* brigantine. This is only to inclose the duplicate invoices and second bill of lading for 210 bales of callicoes laden on that vessell on our Hon'ble masters' account.

We are with much respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient humble servants,

Edward Croke—Thomas Eyre—Edward Harris—Robert Allen—Charles Floyer.

Fort St. David,
August the 21st, 1741.

No. 87.

To the Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.,
President and Governour of Fort St. George &ca. Council.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

We take this opportunity to inclose your honour &ca. the journal parcels and cash account for last month.

The greatest part of Mr. Goddard's effects are disposed of, a particular account of which shall be sent your honour &ca. in a short time. Nothing material offering since our last we beg leave to remain with the greatest esteem, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient and most humble servants,

John Andrews—John Churchey.

Maddapollam,
August the[...], 1741.

No. 88.

To the Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.,
President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

The aforegoing is duplicate of what we wrote you by express pattamar under date the 12th ultimo, to which we have only to add that having weighed off the redwood received by the *Princess Louisa, Fort St. George* and *Calcutta* sloops, we find a deficiency in what brought by the first of fifteen maunds seventeen seer (Mds. 15, sr. 17) for which we shall make the Master account.

We are Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most humble servants,

Thomas Braddyll—Robert Eyre—John Forst[er]—William Barwell—John Halsey.

Fort William,
the 16th June, 1741.

No. 89.

To the Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.,
President and Governour of Fort St. George &ca. Council.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

On the 7th ultimo imported our Hon'ble masters' ship *George* and on her arrived Mr. John Stratton as Chief of this settlement, by whom we received your honour &ca. favour of the 30th of June enclosing invoice and bill of lading for treasure, wares and stores laden on her for this place which came out right.

The season of the year being farr advanc'd for the providing of callicoes we could not therefore perswade our merchants to contract for a greater quantity of cloth than two hundred bales to be here in the month of December next, and as we have reason to believe they will not disapoint us of that quantity we hope your honour &ca. will be inclinable to think our best endeavours has not been

wanting to promote our Hon'ble masters' interest in the investment at this place; and as to the defects complain'd of in the Vizagapatam cloth we are to assure you it shall be amended in future.

This country at present is in perfect tranquility and we have reason to believe will continue so till the demise of the present Nabob who is now ninety years old. When that happens it's currently reported the Rajahs will endeavour to regain the possession of this country. We think it therefore our duty to represent to your honour &ca. that the buildings and fortification at this place are in so ruinous a condition that in case any disturbances should happen here, we are but ill provided to resist only a small body of men. It's true we have 61 pieces of ordnance mounted in this garrison but the carriages are so farr fallen to decay that they will not bear twice firing before they must fall to pieces. We are also in great want of firearms for the military, for those now in use have been here so long that they are not to be depended on. We are therefore to request that if you have any spare gunn carriages in store that you will send them by the first conveyance, for we have cannon almost of all sizes that will fit them, as likewise 4 chests of musquets with bayonetts. We have ordered 100 lances to be made for the use of our peons, there being none in the garrison. We shall also be glad of your orders relating to the repairs of our fortifications, for the sooner they are begun upon the less expence it must put our Hon'ble masters to; and we beg leave to assure you that what orders you may give concerning the repairs of the buildings at this place shall be duly put in execution and with the utmost frugality.

The *George* we shall dispatch for Ingeram with what bales we have by us which are 43 in number, as soon as the winds and current will permitt.

Mr. Prince having made a draught on us for Pags. 8,000 we must therefore desire you will send us a further supply of pagodas 30,000 by the 1st good conveyance, for we are in hopes of providing 500 bales at least the next year and if we have not cash to advance the merchants early in the season we may be disapointed of the quantity expected. We are also in great want of 1 bale of superfine broadcloth over and above what indented for in a former letter.

Enclosed comes our cash and Paymaster's account for last month. We shall be glad of your account current with this settlement that we may ballance our books in time to go by the early shipping in January.

The heirs of Gunnapondee Raganagaloo have made a demand on us for A. Rupees 1,600 principall money due to him from the estate of William Gibson deceas'd on 2 notes of hand, coppy of which comes enclosed, but we have refused payment and shall wait your orders concerning it. We have receiv'd into our cash of Mr. Saunders accounts that estate Arcot Rupees 2,960–15 and have paid thereout Rupees 723-8½ to Narran Poutna as you may observe by our cash account sent you for the month of May last.

We have not to offer further than we are with respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient humble servants,

Vizagapatam, August the 1st, 1741.

JOHN STRATTON—THOMAS SAUNDERS.

Borrow'd and receiv'd of Raganag Conno Ponda the sum of one thousand rupees for which I promise to pay in one month time, from the date hereof.

per me

Vizagapatam,
October 16th, 1738.

WILLIAM GIBSON.

Borrow'd and receiv'd of Gonda Ponda Raganag the sum of six hundred rupees which I promise to pay on demand,

per me.

WILLIAM GIBSON.

Vizagapatam,
January 7th, 1738/9
600 Rupees.

No. 90.

To the Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.,
President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

We are to acknowledge the receipt of your honour &ca. letter of the 17th instant, and in conformity to it, we are to acquaint you that upon the arrival of the Deputy Governour, his commission was publickly read, to which due obedience shall be paid by all of us according to our respective stations, and the Deputy Governour takes this opportunity of shewing this greatfull sense he bears of the Hon'ble President and Council's favour towards him.

The brigantine *Mary* has been already dispatch'd with two hundred and ten bales and there are now embaled in our godowns seventy two, which with as many more as shall be ready, we shall send by the first conveyance that offers.

The Deputy Governour hath receiv'd the ballance of the Hon'ble Company's cash being pagodas thirty four thousand, eight hundred and fifty one, eight fanams and sixty eight cash (Pags. 34,851-8-68), and your honours &ca. orders relating thereto dated the 15 November 1739, shall be punctually complied with.

We held this day a Consultation when the merchants were called in to know of them how many more bales they cou'd and wou'd procure us for the December ships. They have promised to add seven hundred more to those already sent to Fort St. George against that time, and we have therefore thought it proper upon their request to advance them pagodas six thousand, (Pags. 6,000), for Salem where they have not this season sent any money to procure cloth.

The three thousand, three hundred and fifty three pagodas (3,353 Pags.), which will not pass here shall be sent up by the first proper conveyance.

We are, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient servants,

Augustus Burton—Edward Croke—Thomas Eyre—Edward Harris—Robert Allen —Charles Floyer.

Fort St. David,
24th August, 1741.

No. 91.

To the Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.,
President and Governour &ca. Council at Fort St. George.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

Our last address to your honour &ca. was of the 10th ultimo, by our Hon'ble masters' ship *Nottingham*, duplicate of which goes now enclosed.

On the 12th May Mr. William West returned here from Callicutt and informed us that he delivered the Commander of ship *Hallifax* his dispatches on the 6th, but he did not weigh anchor till the 7th at night, as we advised you in our last; and by a letter the Chief and Factors at Anjengo wrote us under the 14th, we perc[e]ive he was not then arrived at that port, where they were very uneasy, least he should have passed by with the military, treasure and stores &ca. he had on board for them, of which they stood in great need; and if they should be left with you, doubtless your honour &ca. will send them to Anjengo by the first proper conveyance.

The enclosed packet for the Hon'ble the Court of Directors we request you will please to deliver to the Commander of ship *Nottingham*, but should he have left your port, please to transmit it by the first ship bound to England. The packet for Bengall we desire you will forward thither by the first conveyance that offers.

By a letter received from our superiours at Bombay dated the 26th of May we are informed that the Empress of Russia died the 28th October last, and the Emperour on the 5th December, and that the French with 28 men-of-war had taken the port of Leghorn; but as we are informed these advices were dispatched to you from thence, we presume they are arrived long before this. Wherefore we

think it unnecessary to trouble your honour &ca. any further, and beg leave to subscribe with respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most obedient humble servants,

WILLIAM WAKE—WILLIAM JEYNSON—WILLIAM WEST—GEORGE HAMILTON.

Tellicherry,
July the 17th, 1741.

No. 92.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST. GEORGE &CA. AND COUNCIL.

Honourable sir and sirs,

1. By the *Princess Augusta* who arrived here the 11th of November, we were favoured with your honour &cas. letter of the 7th of October whereto we now tender a reply under the usual heads and shall lay before you the most material occurrencies since our last advices.

FIRST, CONCERNING SHIPPING.

2. The 21st of August we dispatched the *Somerset* for England with 299½ tons of petre, 30 tons of redwood, and 244 tons of pepper which was as much as she could conveniently take in.

3. The 29th of the same month the ship *Duke* returned from Benjar having on board only about 1,920 pecul of pepper which disappointment of a cargo was owing to the Sultan's breach of promises, for he permitted the Chinamen underhand to buy up the pepper and they giving an extravagant price for it, Capt. Hindman, Messrs. Hurlock and Wheeler, the Supracargoes, could procure no more than that small quantity altho' they remained there till the beginning of July.

4. As the *Duke's* charterparty expired the 31st of January, we could not venture to send her to the Mallabar coast, least an accident of a long passage or any disappointment in a cargo there, should have caused her to go home empty; and therefore we came to a resolution to dispatch her from hence. We wrote to the Resident of Moco Moco and to the Sultan to acquaint them that we intended to send that ship to fetch away the Anacksoongey pepper, and as soon as they advised us that the rivers were open, she went thither. She was 23 days in getting to Moco Moco and met with some other interruptions from the weather, but at last returned the 8th of January with all the Anacksoongey pepper and good part of the produce of Laye which compleated her charterparty tonnage of 397 tons.

5. Captain Hindman at his return petitioned for 50 tons of pepper surplus at half freight; and having made a calculation of what quantity we had to expect in the season, we computed that without some accident intervened we should still be able to give the storeship her contracted loading, and complyed with the Captain's request the more readily, as it was a good opportunity of sending the larger quantity by the earlier ship; and the *Duke* sailed the 31st January with 447 tons of pepper.

6. The *Duke of Dorset*, Capt. Thomas Gil[b]ert, Commander, bound for China being fallen to leeward of the streights of Sunday anchored at this port the 2d of September; her crew which was in a very sickly condition, was brought on shore and lodged in one of the godowns. The people recovered very speedily and the ship sailed the 23d. We are since informed that she had lost her passage and lain the season at Batavia from whence she proceeded the middle of May last and took a Manilla ship near the 1000 Islands that sailed from Batavia 5 days after her; the Captain and people were sent on shore at Batavia.

7. The *Bedford*, Captain William Wells, from London did not arrive her[e] till the 29th of September. In the general letter by that ship we were informed that the *Edgbaston*, Capt. Stephen Cobham, Commander, was taken up for Madagascar, Bencoolen and Borneo and orders given us, if we saw no prospect of success at Benjar, to forward to Bengal the ship that arrives first of those two, so that having no manner of view at Borneo after the ill treatment the *Duke* had met with, we accordingly dispatched the *Bedford* to Bengal, and wrote a general

letter by that conveyance to acquaint you[r] honour &ca. with it. The weather having proved bad for several days together, no boats could get off which detained her here till the 23d of October.

8. Capt. Wells having desired our opinion in writing with regard to the passage to the Mallabar Coast, we acquainted him that we were ordered to send the country ships at that time of the year thro' the streights of Mallacca and that the Dutch followed the same course.

9. We are since informed that the *Bedford* was seen off Princess Island the 26th of February standing out to sea in order to come round this way, and that she had lain some time at the said island where the 2nd mate was buried.

10. The 10th of October we sent the *Shoreham* sloop to Pooloo Pisang with Mr. James Wheeler, and gave him 1,500$ to pay for the pepper there. He got 74 Bahar, most of it from one Amass Koonchee who was the first of those parts that had entered into an agreement with the Company and has allways continued very well affected. The place having no harbour the sloop was obliged to go near in shore to get into anchoring ground where the swell strained her very much. The Tombongon that went to help to load her was broke to peices and at last the sloop sprung a leak whereof we received advice in a letter from Mr. Wheeler dated the 22d of December; in answer to which we immediately dispatched the small sloop *Hawke* with provisions and put some necessary stores on board with people to aid to repair her. The 16th January Mr. Wheeler wrote us the sloop was refitted and the pepper re-shipped and that he would sail the next day which he accordingly did in company with the *Hawke* sloop, but the wind coming about at N. Wt. and the current setting off the land carried them out of anchoring ground, and when they came to the mouth of the streights of Sunday they were prevented from getting in by a N.N.E. wind and a strong current setting out, so that they were drove away above 100 leagues on the coast of Java when Mr. Wheeler was got on board the *Hawke* sloop which in a squall parted with the *Shoreham* and arrived here the 28th of February. His report is entered in Consultation of the 4th of March.

11. Since which the 22nd of May arrived in a small praw the Master of the *Shoreham* sloop whom we had given over for lost. He acquaints us that having been driven all along the south coast of Java, he at last got thrô the streights of Bally, and being in very great distress as the sloop was no longer able to swim, he put in at a small Dutch factory called Sooro Bayoo not far to the eastward of Samarang, where he met with very kind treatment. The pepper was weighed off and secured in the Company's godown, and the sloop was hauled up but found irrepairable. He was detained at that place 42 days before orders from Samarang arrived, without which the Chief could not permit him to buy a vessel or come away. He the[n] kept the men and sent the Master away in a panch along to Samarang when liberty was given him to buy a small praw to carry him to Batavia: for the Chief of Samarang also told him he could do nothing without orders from thence. When he arrived at Batavia the General promised him leave to buy or hire a vessel to fetch up the pepper, but the place being in a confusion on account of the troubles with the Chinamen, the grant was prolonged, which made him take the resolution, as it was but a short run in the S.E. monsoon, to come away to receive our directions. The extraordinary fatigue and hardships which he had undergone have thrown him into a severe sickness, which has continued ever since his landing at Sooroo Bayoo, so that being incapable of returning and we having no other person proper to navigate a vessel so far against the monsoon, nor a boat fit for the purpose, the Hon'ble Company's being too small, we must waite for the N.W. winds setting in, in hopes by that time to procure a good conveyance.

12. The *Princess Augusta's* early arrival here gave us an opportunity of getting up the Manna pepper, which could not possibly have been effected that season without her; several country boats had been broke and some blown away and the owners could be no longer prevailed upon to send there. Upon which consideration as well as the risque of loosing the pepper in such small vessels working against a strong monsoon, we were induced to make use of the *Princess Augusta* for that service, not

knowing how soon we might be in want of that pepper, as the ship from Europe was daily expected and it would have been too late to have sent her there, for it happens sometimes that in 8 or 10 days a boat cannot get over the barr so that she might have been a very considerable time in getting off the pepper.

13. She did not sail from hence till the 6th of December having ballast to take in, and no slaves left to load the boats for they were absent at the several settlements to the northward and with the *Duke*, and we were obliged to employ the soldiers in that work.

14. The 1st of February she returned, and as we were informed by all the headmen in Bencoolen, and many proateens in the country that there would certainly be a very great scarcity of rice this year, the crop which they were beginning to reap not appearing sufficient to maintain one half of the inhabitants which they attribute to the badness of the season after planting, which stunted the paddy in the ground, and there being no rice brought to exchange nor any other method to get a supply, and not above 2 months' provisions left in the godown, tho' we had bought up all the quantities we could get from Capt. Wells, from Chinamen, and from Mallay praws, and encouraged the importation of it from all parts. It was of the greatest consequence to delay no longer but to send this ship to Batavia, which we did the 17th of the same month, and appointed Mr. Henry Stirling supracargo with instructions to bring 60 coyan of rice, salt, arrack, and timber works, and when he came away to leave letters for the Captains of ships bound to this place to bring a good quantity of rice; we had also enjoyned to all the Masters of praws who went to Java to bring rice and salt. But the revolution which happened at Batavia was the cause of our getting no more than 20 coyan of rice by the *Princess Augusta*, and none by any of the other vessels. Neither did they bring any arrack for the garrison and slaves, it being at 100 rix dollars per leaguer and very bad; and the Master of the *Macassar* sloop who arrived in June from Batavia acquaints us that rice had been at 40 lb. for half a ducatoon near a month before.

15. The accounts we have concerning the troubles at Batavia are that on the 9th of October N. S. they shut up the gates of the city, and distroyed all the Chinamen in it to the number of between 30 and 40 thousand which lasted three days and is said to be occasioned by the discovery of a plot the Chinamen had formed to cut off the Dutch. There is still a great number of them left, who have laid waste all the country, cut off several small settlements, and fortified themselves about 5 or 6 leagues inland from Batavia, where the Dutch have sent a considerable party against them. These are all the particulars come to our knowledge which deserve credit.

16. The *Edgbaston* appeared in sight the 6th of February. It was towards evening and very hazey, so that they did not discern the place, and it blowing excessive hard, they stood out till next day, when the wind continuing very strong at N.W. they could not beat up again, altho' as the Captain tells us they endeavoured at it 8 or 10 days which obliged them at last to bear away for Batavia, from whence she arrived here the 28th of April in Company with the *Princess Augusta*.

17. According to the Hon'ble Company's orders the *Edgbaston* has been at Madagascar and delivered here 114 slaves, tho' most of them women and children. In the pacquet comes a copy of Captain Cobham's diary and accounts of the purchase of the slaves.

18. As for the treasure, stores and other articles laden on the *Edgbaston* for the Borneo adventure, we have sent for them all on shore and keep them by us, as possibly the troubles which the Chinamen are involved in at Batavia may put a stop to their going to Benjar at least for some time which may probably occasion a new invitation from the Benjareens.

19. Captain Cobham acquainted us in a letter that he obliged himself to the Hon'ble Court of Directors, to leave all his unsold gunpowder and arms here, if he did not proceed to Benjar; but as we have no orders concerning it and his arms

being quite useless to the place, we have permitted him to send them off by the *Princess Augusta* and given him a receipt for the gunpowder.

20. We are now loading the *Edgbaston*, and propose to dispatch her next month for England.

21. The *Bon[e]tta* sloop after having been very serviceable at last dropped to peices near the landing place where she was moored, there happening to be a great swell of the season the 13th of December last. The *Hawke* sloop which has been fitted up, is also very usefull, and the same is now repairing and we hope will be soon finished.

22. The 2d of May last the *Princess Augusta* had the misfortune to loose her main mast by lightning. We have got another mast made with Capt. Cobham's assistance and the ship went to refit at Pooloo the 12th of May last.

23. Captain Goring having petitioned for wages and imprest money due to the *Princess Augusta's* crew, we have paid them according to the enclosed papers and account current of that ship, who hath been of very extraordinary service to the settlement this voyage, both in bringing the Manna pepper, and more particularly in relieving the place with a supply of rice, without which it would have been impossible to subsist.

24. Capt. Goring's bill for the diet of the people he brought over, is according to the Company's orders referred to your honour &ca. as you have not given us any directions to the contrary.

25. As we do not know how late the store-ship may arrive we desire your honour &ca. will please to write that the ship by way of Bengal touch at Moco Moco; if the pepper is gone she need not stay, and the deviation will be but for one day.

26. The General of Batavia delivered to Captain Goring an extract of a letter which he had received from the Governour of the Cape dated the 17th of January N.S. informing him that a yatch from England arrived there that day in 14 weeks, which was sent express to carry advice to the ships at St. Helena, that it was no longer to be doubted but that the French would openly declare for Spain, and that they had taken several English and Dutch vessels under Spanish colours. Upon this and several other reports, we concluded it was necessary to detain the *Princess Augusta* till towards the l[a]tter end of July, by which time the store-ships have most frequently arrived here, that we might know how to regulate our indents; and especially as we believe the *Princess Augusta* would have been too late this season for a trip to Bengal tho' we had dispatched her from hence the 1st of July which is as soon as she could have been in a condition to proceed.

SECONDLY, GOODS FROM EUROPE OR FORT ST. GEORGE &CA.

27. The *Duke* brought back 34,000 dollars from Benjar, since which we have detained 5 chests of treasure out of the *Bedford* and received no more than 7 chests by the *Edgbaston*, which last supply tho' shorter than usual arrived in good time, for the cash began to grow low and the ballance to the 20th day of July is $. 31,403-2-91 as by the cash book in the pacquet.

28. By the *Bedford* we received from St. Helena a large cable with some old iron guns and shot Capt. Hindman having offered to carry home the guns and shot freight free, we have shipped them on board him.

29. The stores by the *Princess Augusta* turned out right except 800 gunney bags, which are endorsed off the bill of loading, wherein only 40 pair of spring bolts are mentioned which we have received, but in the invoice there are 80 pair specifyed.

30. The salt turned out 28 coyan which came in a very seasonable time, there having been none imported from Java this year; and as we cannot expect any supplies from thence for some time, we have inserted 30 garce in the enclosed indent, wherewith we request your honour &cas. complyance, and that you will be pleased to send some by every conveyance till the troubles at Java are ended.

31. In the indent we have specified the articles of the produce of Bengal wanted here.

32. Your honour &ca. will be pleased to observe in the 14th paragraph preceeding that we have used all the methods we could think of to provide our stores with rice, having bought up from Chinamen, Mallays, and others all that was brought in for these 10 months past, and sent the ship to Batavia.

33. We must therefore now lay before you the extreme distress we shall be in, without a very speedy assistance. We have not above 5 months' provisions left for the Company's servants, military and slaves, exclusive of the Bugguesses and Mallays depending upon the Hon'ble Company, as by a calculation made in Consultation of the 30th June, notwithstanding we have received several parcels from Moco Moco. The slaves' allowances have been reduced, there being no possibility of getting any rice here, most of the inhabitants for these two months past, having subsisted upon leaves and roots. The pangarans and the headmen of Bencoolen have been very pressing with us to assist them, and we have prevailed upon them to waite patiently about 4 or 5 months, by which time (to make them easy) we have let them know we expected a ship from Madras, when we promised to supply them.

34. For which reason we humbly request you will please to return the ship to us with all possible haste forbidding the Capt. to touch anywhere, a delay being of the utmost consequence to the settlement, and desire a supply of about 20 garce of rice, which will be sufficient for 6 months' provision and will hold out till the crops are gathered, for then none of the people will care to buy Bengal rice at any rate, so that all that can be disposed off will be from the ships arrival till about the middle of February next, excepting for the Company's use.

35. On receipt of the 30 bales of long-cloth by the *Princess Augusta*, we forwarded 12 of them to Moco Moco on the *Hawke* sloop, and have now by the same vessel sent 12 bales to Ippoe, and 3 bales to Moco Moco, being all the sloop could carry with a coyan of salt.

36. The military having petitioned for some compensation in lieu of the allowance of arrack which has been taken off, as there was none procurable at Batavia nor any quantity to be got here, even at $ 120 per leaguer, we ordered them 2 siecas per month to each man upon duty, and to the slaves we gave 1 buffaloe a week extraordinary both in the room of arrack, and also because their number being much increased 1 buffaloe a week wou'd barely have sufficed, which allowances will only be continued till we can procure arrack.

37. There being a bale of chamblot brought by the *Edgbaston* which was put on board in England by mistake in the room of bays for slaves' clothing, we have sent it by this conveyance and as we are unacquainted with the price, it is not invoic'd, but inclos'd is Capt. Goring's receipt for it.

38. The deficiency in the lead sent by the *George* we find upon inquiry is a mistake in the weight of 86 pigs, returned from Benjar, which were invoiced according to the weight sent down in the books of that adventure.

THIRDLY, INVESTMENTS. FOURTHLY, COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

39. We begin this head with acquainting your honour &ca. that on the 4th of March last we received information of Siddee Ibrahim &cas. intention to come down to seek revenge for their former disgrace by endeavouring to destroy the pepper plantations, whereupon we dispatched the Dattoo with 20 Bugguesses to take possession of one of the strongest villages in the pass from the mountains to Polley and Laye countries. Our people got there about an hour before the enemy, who having no intelligence of it, and coming also to enter that place, they were beaten off with the loss of one man on the spot and 3 or 4 more much wounded. This so terrified Siddee Ibrahim (who was in this party) that he immediately went back, but being met by one Maggot Ryseeo who brought another party with him, he was persuaded to return and in about 3 days after they made a feint to attack a small village wherein there was a guard of about 11 Bugguesses and began to entrench themselves before it, but in the night they stole away to a place called Se Bayam, up Single de moon river, which was very strong by its situation. They laboured hard to fortify it and compleated it with so much expedition, that

before our party could learn where they were and get together from the several places where they had distributed themselves to guard the villages that had the most store of provisions, and to protect the pepper plantations, they had allready thrown up several strong entrenchments, our party being then too weak to attack them at such a disadvantage, we sent a recruit of bugguesses and Mallays and the 13th Diong Macooley went to their assistance with above 60 men, but by reason of the strength of the place they made but a slow progress.

40. After some time when they had approached their fences near the enemy's they wrote for two pieces of cannon, a cohorn and some hand granadoes, with a few Europeans who understood the management of them. Upon which we sent 2 small guns of one-pounders, it being impracticable to convey any larger so far off because of the difficulty of the roads. We also dispatched 14 Europeans under the command of Serjeant Callahan, with Mr. Lewis Collo, who had again offered his service on this occasion. He has done for the best, and proved very usefull in getting provisions for the party, he being well acquainted with the Mallays and their language. We thought that number of Europeans might excite our black people to some brisk action, but when about 12 of our men came to attack the enemy in their trenches, they had very little assistance from them, so that being too adventurous the serjeant and 3 men were killed, and two more wounded. The Mallays say themselves, that had our people been in the least seconded the place would have been then taken, for the enemy (some of whom were wounded with granadoes) had left the lower entrenchment, and only returned when they saw the whitemen retreat. The evening after this accident happened 6 Europeans arrived at the trench whom we had sent as a guard with a supply of ammunition and necessaries.

41. Having considered that it was not adviseable at such a juncture when all the country was in arms to send a number of Europeans sufficient to reduce the enemy so far from the Fort, and the danger of their falling sick with such very bad accommodations and thro' the inclemency of the air, we resolved to recal the whitemen and to leave the management of the expedition to our Bugguesses and Mallays, who were strong enough to overcome the enemy.

42. In all our letters we recommended to our party to use their endeavours to shut up the enemy in hopes of getting some of the headmen, and if possible Siddee Ibrahim without which we shall be continually troubled by them; but after they had contrived as well as they could, the enemy got out under favour of a dark night and creeping like wild creatures through bushes and swamps the[y] made off beyond the hills again the 23rd of April. By all we can learn they were about 250 men in number.

43. When it was certain that the enemy was fled, we recalled our people ordering them to leave a guard at Paggar Bessey, the strongest place near the pass to the mountains. We also thought it necessary to place so at Combongs-arree, which was one of the principal villages in the 8 dusoons, and lies in the centre of the country formerly inhabited by Siddee Ibrahim and his adherents. It also commands the river of Bencoolen, and by these means, we hope to keep them out of the pepper countrys, and think we are well prepared for them if they come back from the same part, but if they return from the southward, it will not be so easy to prevent some mischief to the planters, at the great distance some of them are from us. Nevertheless we shall use our utmost endeavours to guard against them that way also.

44. We think it is not to be doubted that Siddee Ibrahim &ca. will return, and have reason to believe they have met with encouragement from Pulimbam; for tho' we were told that when Siddee &ca. asked the Sultan's assistance last year he had given them no other countenance than permitting them to build habitations and plant pepper amongst them, yet as they continue to make application there, and as they run to him whenever they are driven from hence, it is certain they are assisted and receive their supplies of ammunition from thence.

45. According to what your honour &ca. mention that some of the headmen amongst them may have been misled by Siddee and the others, and if they should

come over to the Company's interest again they may prove serviceable by repeopling that part of the country which now lies uncultivated, we believe after the great hardships they have undergone, those who are well inclined will endeavour to return, and from a sense of their sufferings they will now more readily listen to reasonable terms that may bring them back to their old habitations, for we are told that none of them would come upon condition of being transplanted into other parts of the country. We have as yet received no proposals from them, but only messages to amuse us, just at the time when they were going to run away. If they do not soon send to us, we will endeavour to make offers to those who are best intentioned, in order to bring them back and to divide Siddee Ibrahim's party, thinking that will be the most effectual means to put an end to these troubles to which we shall give all due attention.

46. Your honour &ca. will be pleased to observe that none of the pepper trees have suffered, and we have taken all care to keep the planters from quitting their plantations and thereby retard the improvement of them; we sent a party of 21 whitemen to the Company's house at Polley to encourage and countenance the people there, and promised protection to all the planters everywhere, at which they all have expressed their satisfaction, and seem to make intire [de]pendance on it.

47. When Siddee Ibrahim came last back again, we were informed that a near relation of his, one Siddee Cotcheel, who in Mr. Everest's time was entertained in the Company's service, kept up a correspondence with his kinsman, and was endeavouring to seduce our Bugguesses, upon which we confined him, since that his bad intentions have been confirmed to us by several creditable persons, and as we are well satisfied that he would allways be endeavouring to serve his relation, and perhaps become very troublesome to us, he being a brisk active man. we intend to send him to St. Helena by the *Edgbaston*.

48. As we cannot make any dependance upon the natives' assistance in any hearty opposition, whose religion leads them to espouse the part of Siddee Ibrahim, who is one of their high priests, the most we can expect is that thro' fear of the Company, they will not join with him; and in order to take all the security we can get from them for their attachment, we have publickly and solemnly swore the Pangarans and all the headmen, and they have obliged themselves to deliver their children as hostages, whenever required, so that we hope at least to keep them neuter, and as some of the great men amongst them have their livelyhood and wellfare depending upon the Company they will be of some help to us, by giving us intelligence of the enemy's proceedings, that we may timely obviate them.

49. One Pangaran Jeemat came hither in September last, giving himself out to be the son of the next person to the Sultan of Bantam, called the Ponambahan; he says he was conveyed from a child to Jambee, and had since several times asked the Sultan leave to return to Bantam, but being still denied he had made his escape to this place requesting the Hon'ble Company's protection. Several people who are lately come from Java say that he is the real person, and they have heard there of his being here. Our headmen also believe him to be the man he calls himself; he has behaved very well during his stay here. We have made him a small allowance for a maintenance, and shall endeavour to get rid of him in a civil manner that he may not be dissatisfied.

50. A person who took upon him to be the Sultan of Manangcaboo's son, having been apprehended and kept sometime in the Fort, we sent him to Moco Moco and desired the Sultan to order him to be conducted out of the country which has been done.

51. The pepper brought by the *Duke* from Benjar was very dusty, the loss on the weight proved 2 per cent., but when it was garbled it did not turn out within 6 per cent., which is intirely owing to the badness of it, all care having been taken to waste none in garbling.

52. Having taken the remains of pepper when the *Somerset* sailed, the deficiency was no more than 13 Cwt. 3 qrs. 25 lb. which very small waste on the whole quantity received that year must be owing to the goodness of the pepper.

53. The pepper remaining in the godown this day is C. 1152, and about 325 tons on board the *Edgbaston*.

FIFTHLY, BUILDINGS REPAIRS AND REVENUES.

54. The timber works for the new factory at Moco Moco brought by the *Princess Augusta* will be forwarded thither on the Europe ship. They have a good quantity of bricks ready, and as we have lately received a supply of slaves and had 3 bricklayers come from Batavia, we shall set about that building very shortly. The greatest inconveniency that will attend it is the want of a person skillfull in laying out the work, and raising the foundation. We were told that the Ita[lian] Padre here had some knowledge that way, and made him a proposal to stay and set the foundation of the Moco Moco Fort and buildings on foot, but his affairs calling him away to Madras, we could not prevail upon him and he takes his passage by this conveyance.

55. In our last letter to England, we acquainted the Hon'ble Court of Directors with what the Padre reported to us, concerning several of the black Christians at Goa, who are skillful workmen, and in their present distress would be very glad to come and settle at this place. We now beg leave to desire your honour &ca. will discourse him about it thinking if such an affair succeeded, it would be of great advantage to the place in carrying on the necessary buildings, and for the improvement of this colony.

56. We also beg leave to represent that Manna being a considerable place, it will become necessary to have it fortified, for it lies at too great a distance for a speedy relief, in case of any in roads that way; and when there is once a garrison so far to the southward, it will be a greater security to all the pepper places between that and Marlbrô, as it will be easy to come to their assistance either from thence or from here, according to their distance. It will also cause a greater intercourse with the natives throughout that whole tract of land, which may be improved to the Hon'ble Company's advantage.

57. According to what we formerly wrote, orders are given to build houses at all the material rivers; those at Manna, Polley, and Ippoe are compleated; and materials are preparing for godowns at Bental, Cattown, and Tallo. The Residents are directed to build them upon a brick foundation if possible, as that will render them very lasting.

58. The barracks being fallen in several places, and it being impracticable to get the terrasses repaired here, as we formerly acquainted your honour &ca. having tryed several experiments to no purpose, we had the roof taken down, the wall continued to 7 foot higher, and the building covered with tyles, so that there will be a room overhead for the soldiers to lodge in the whole length of the barracks. The part on the side next the west bastion will be compleated before the rainy monsoon, and the other will also be shortly set about. The people for these 10 months past have layen in a bamboe house raised in the middle of the Fort, the other not being habitable.

59. In the pacquet is manifest of private trade on board the *Princess Augusta*.

60. The custom on private trade imported on the *Princess Augusta*, has been duly paid into cash.

SIXTHLY, COMPANY'S SERVANTS, MILITARY AND THEIR ACCOUNTS.

61. Agreeable to the Hon'ble Company's orders by the *Bedford*, we have discharged the two monthly writers, namely William Burton and Thomas Joy, who have taken their passage on the *Princess Augusta*, the former hath been very serviceable; and we have also discharged Mr. Joseph Gun, whom we had taken in as a monthly writer, and sent him to England, in hopes the Hon'ble Company will be pleased to take him into their service in consideration that his father had been an old servant.

62. In pursuance to said letter Mr. Henry Stirling's Commission of Lieutenant was cancelled and Ensign William Christian was appointed Lieutenant in his room,

and Serjeant Brown made an Ensign, which disposals we hope your honour &ca. will approve off.

63. The Hon'ble Company had sent out 50 soldiers upon the *Bedford*, with liberty to the Governour and Council at St. Helena to detain as many of them as they were in want off and they have accordingly kept them all upon the present circumstances of a war in Europe. There were also 10 sent by the *Edgbaston*, 8 of whom only arrived here, one died in the passage, and the other ran away at Madagascar.

64. The Bugguess Ensign To Assing of Manna died in November last; he had been a very honest and faithfull servant to the Company for many years. We have not as yet made another Ensign in his room.

65. Mr. Greenslate came up from Moco Moco in December last to see his family, and returned again about a month afterwards.

66. On the *Edgbaston* arrived 2 factors and 2 writers as also a Doctor's assistant. We have agreeable to the Hon'ble Company's orders inquired of them what treatment they had met with from the Capt. and they all assure us he has used them in a very kind manner.

67. The Residents at the new out-settlements are as follows:—

Mr. Joseph Hurlock at Manna.

Mr. Henry Stirling at Tallo which lies conveniently situated between Allass and Saloomah.

Mr. James Wheeler at Cattown.

Mr. Walter Churchey at Ippoe.

68. Mr. Charles Barbut having desired to be Warehousekeeper, Mr. Robert Hindley was appointed Accomptant in his room, and Mr. John Greene, Secretary.

69. Mr. Alexander Edgar, second surgeon died in November last, and his Executors Messrs. Charles Barbut and Charles Gibson have paid into cash $. 250-3-30 for account of his estate.

70. We have received into cash for account of Mr. John Innes deceased $ 308-2-2 for a bale of silks, which was thought to have belonged to Mr. Charles Addams of Cassembuzar, whose answer concerning it did not arrive till the *Princess Augusta*, which is the sole cause of delaying the sale of it.

71. Mr. Joseph Hurlock has paid into cash for account the estate of Francis Everest Esqr. $ 200.

72. We thank your honour &ca. for the supply of Arrabs and topasses by the *Princess Augusta*, by which conveyance also arrived a Europe centinel and they have been all paid according to the time specified in the list of them received from Fort St. George.

73. We have now sent six Coffrees boys desiring you will be pleased to let them be instructed in trades; the most usefull to the place are bricklayers, smiths and armourers.

74. The store-ship not being arrived and the cash but low, we had detained no more than 5 chests of treasure out of the *Bedford*, thinking the gentlemen at Bengal would be in want of money, and expecting the usual supply by the *Edgbaston* of about 12 chests, who only brought 7. It appeared to us very material to make some provision to prevent our being distressed thro' want of money if an accident should have happened to the store-ship, especially as in the 5 or 6 following months all the pepper of this season's product is to be paid for, which with the charges of boat hire &ca. will considerably increase the monthly disbursements, and the present ballance of cash being too little to answer to those demands, we judged it a very necessary caution, now there is private money sending to Madras by the *Princess Augusta*, to desire the proprietors to pay it into cash, upon our certificates to your honour &ca. for the several sums they deposite here. The Company runs no risque of the sea, since there is neither treasure nor effects belonging to them sent by this ship; and if we did not make use of this opportunity but suffered the money to go off the Coast, we should not be able after that to raise any sufficient supply of cash in the settlement. Upon these considerations we hope your honour &ca. will be pleased to discharge the following certificates which we have drawn out to the amount of $. 20,000, Vizt.

Paid in by Robert Lennox Esqr.	...	...	$.	8,000
Paid in by Mr. William Rigg	...	...	...	2,000
Paid in by Mr. William Coles	...	...	...	6,000
Paid in by Mr. Frederick Haag	...	...	...	4,000
			$.	20,000

We are, Honourable sir and sirs, your most humble servant[s],

ROBERT LENNOX—WILLIAM RIGG—CHARLES BARBUT—WILLIAM COLES—JOSEPH HURLOCK.

Fort Marlbro',
25th July, 1741.

TO THE HON'BLE THOMAS BRADDYLL ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR OF FORT WILLIAM &CA. COUNCIL.

Honourable sir and sirs,

We wrote to your honour &ca. under date of the 17th of June last, desiring you would detain the ship that might be sent round your way this year for Bencoolen, which we perceive by the Hon'ble Company's advice to be the *Hardwicke*, Captain Hallet. We hope our letter arrived in time, and that that said ship will be dispatched home from your port, having made our disposition accordingly, and loaded the *Somersett* upon her return from Batavia, whither she had been to refitt and sailed for England the 22d of August, with the 300 tons of petre and 30 tons of redwood, which she had brought from Bengall and 244 tons of pepper put on board here.

The disappointments which the *Marlbro'* met with at Benjar the proceeding year and the *Duke* this season, where the former obtained no more than 562, and the latter 1920 pecul of pepper, have occasioned this discomposure, and we now find ourselves obliged to trouble you with the *Bedford*, Captain William Wells, Commander, according to the Hon'ble Company's direction to consign her to you, if we have not a loading for her. For the *Duke's* charterparty expiring the 31st January next, we must dispatch her first and then we propose to freight home the *Edgbaston*, Captain Stephen Cobham, who is taken up for Madagascar, Bencoolen and Benjar at which last named place there is no manner of prospect of success, the best views that we had to establish a trade to those parts having miscarried. The[s]e two ships are all we can possibly load this season, and we shall be glad to hear, that you have without inconveniency procured tonnage enough for the *Hardwick* and the *Bedford*.

The *Bedford* brought 10 chests of treasure. We have reserved 5 of them for the use of this settlement and consigned the other 10 to your honour &ca. by this conveyance as per bill of loading and invoice under cover amounting to $. 32,133-0-81.

Inclosed is a copy of the *Bedford's* charterparty, duplicate of the sailing orders and sundry papers which came in the pacquet from England.

We have had such bad weather during this 8 or 10 days whilst the *Bedford* was here, that the boats could not lay alongside to take out the stores, which has retarded her dispatch.

We do not trouble you with an indent for stores which we want from your settlement, having transmitted one to the Hon'ble President and Council of Fort St. George in June last to whom we beg the favour to forward the enclosed letter.

Inclosed is a list of ships arrival at St. Hellena and their departure in 1739 and 1740.

We are, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most humble servants,

ROBERT LENNOX—WILLIAM RIGG—CHARLES BARBUT—WILLIAM COLES—JOSEPH HURLOCK.

Fort Marlbro',
the 23d October, 1740.

INDENT FOR SUNDRYS WANTED FOR THE USE OF THE HON'BLE COMPANY'S SETTLEMENT AT FORT MARLBRO'.

From Madras.

I Copper cash	5 chests.
E Salt	30 garce.
E Rice	20 garce.
E Fine chints for presents	1 corge.
P Iron stone	
S Iron square barrs for windows	100
P Hospital cloathing	100 suits.
E Betillas for colours	20 pieces.
S Gunpowder	30 barrells.
E Long cloth ordinary white	40 bales.
E Salempores white	4 ,,
E Salempores blue	4 ,,
E Dungaree 32 covids	2 ,,
S Cartridge cloth	2 ,,

From Bengal.

Guee	50 duppers.
Mustard oyl	1500 gallons.
Small gunney bags	4000 of 2 breadths.
Taffaties 50 pieces red, 20 pieces blue, 20 pieces yellow, 20 pieces white, 10 pieces green, for presents and sale	120 pieces.
Ophium	4 chests.
Patna chints	1 bale.
Cartridge paper	1 ,,
Twine	100 lb.

ROBERT LENNOX—WILLIAM RIGG—CHARLES BARBUT—WILLIAM COLES—JOSEPH HURLOCK.

Fort Marlbro',
25th July, 1741.

MANIFEST OF PRIVATE TRADE LICENSED TO BE SHIPPED ON BOARD THE PRINCESS AUGUSTA VIZT.

By Robert Lennox Esqr., Deputy Governour and consigned to Nicholas Morse Esqr. at Fort St. George.

5 chests of benjamin	value $ 300
149 bags of suallo	... 1,000
A parcel of elephants' teeth	... 300
22 cannisters of sugar	... 200
	$ 1,800

By Mr. William Rigg and consigned to Nicholas Morse Esqr.

9 pair of elephants' teeth	value $. 50
	$. 50

By the owners of the *Macassar* and consigned to Nicholas Morse Esqr.

22 chests of benjamin	value $ 3000
	$ 3000

By Captain George Goring for himself—

200 cannisters of sugar	value $ 1,800
60 bahar of dammer	... 180
20 pecul of benjamin	... 600
12 tubs of tea	... 2,460
	$ 5,040
	Total 9,890

JOHN GREENE,
Secretary

Fort Marlbro.'
July the 25th, 1741.

LIST OF THE PACQUET TO FORT ST. GEORGE PER PRINCESS AUGUSTA

BOOKS, VIZT.

No.			
1	Cash book from primo May 1740 to ultimo July 1741 :	12	sections.
2	Paymaster's accounts from primo May 1740 to ultimo April 1741	12	Do.
3	Sea customer's accounts for August and November 1740 ...	1	Do.
4	Laye accounts from primo May 1740 to ultimo April 1741	1	Do.
5	Store-keeper's accounts from primo May 1740 to ultimo April 1741	2	Do.
6	Pepper godown keeper's accounts from primo May 1740 to ultimo March 1741	1	Do.
7	Warehousekeeper's accounts from primo May 1740 to ultimo April 1741	1	Do.
8	Sillebar accounts from and to Do ...	1	Do.
9	Diary of Captain Cobham's transactions at Madagascar ...		
10	Letters sent from June 13th 1740 to July 16th 1741 ...	7	Do.
11	Letters received from June 16th 1740 to July 22nd 1741.	6	Do.
12	Consultations from June 9th 1740 to July 22d 1741 ...	9	Do.

Papers Vizt.

1 General letter to the Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr. President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.
2 Duplicate general letter to Do. per ship *Bedford*.
3 Do to Bengal per do.
4 Indent for wares and stores.
5 Manifest of private trade on board ship *Princess Augusta*.
6 Bill of lading for 1 bale of chamblot.
7 Extract of a servey on Manna Bang cannon and Peeno.
8 Captain Goring's account of wages due his people.
9 Do. of imprest money.
10 Account current of the *Princess Augusta*.
11 List of Coffrys sent to Madras.
12 Duplicate sailing orders.
13 List of the pacquet.

Fort Marlbro',
July the 25th, 1741.

JOHN GREENE,
Secretary.

No. 93.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

We have receiv'd a letter from Mr. Secretary Savage of the 27th ultimo, advising of wares and stores sent us on the *Mary* brigantine which are not yet arriv'd.

Mr. Macknight our Surgeon's mate having represented to us that his interest wou'd suffer very much by any delay, we took the liberty to grant his petition for his discharge out of hand, which we hope your honour &ca. will approve, and that you will be pleased to fill up this vacancy as soon as possible.

The *Duke d' Orleans* has imported 80 chests of silver, a few chests of small arms and forty soldiers. The *Pentievre* is near her dispatch for France, as is also the *Bourbon*. A part of the former's cargo lyes in coffee. We should be very glad to send your honour &ca. a more perfect accounts of the French Europe ships cargoes, but this is the best we can as yet procure.

Inclosed are our accounts of expences for July and cash accounts for last mouth, the ballance whereof is in country pagodas 13,581 and Star pagodas fanams and cash 14.054–34–22.

We are with respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most obedient servants,
AUGUSTUS BURTON—EDWARD CROKE—THOMAS EYRE—EDWARD HARRIS—ROBERT ALLEN—CHARLES FLOYER.

Fort St. David,
3d September, 1741.

No. 94.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

We receiv'd a letter from Mr. Secretary Savage of the 7th instant this evening, and agreeably to your orders we now inclose the account cost of the one hundred and forty bales of cloth brought in of this year's investment and sent upon the *Mary* brigantine.

We are, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient servants,
AUGUSTUS BURTON—EDWARD CROKE—THOMAS EYRE—ROBERT ALLEN—CHARLES FLOYER.

Fort St. David,
9th September, 1741.

No. 95.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

I arrived here the 26th of last month and the day following dispatch'd peons with the Hon'ble Company's money to Messrs. Andrews and Churchey at Madapollam from whom I received yesterday advice of its safe arrival. These gentlemen have orders to take out of the brigantine *Fort St. George* the sundries put on board for Madapollam and Vizagapatam and to forward overland what belongs to the latter. As the necessary information relating the Company's investment at this place will occasion my stay here sometime longer, I shall punctually follow the orders you have been pleased to give me and whatever other measures shall to the best of my judgment be most conducive to the Company's interest.

I am Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most obedient humble servant,

JOHN HALLYBURTON.

Madapollam [? Masulipatam]
the 1st September, 1741.

No. 96.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

The sloop *Carolina* having lain a long time buried in the river and the season for the freshes coming on, we thought it necessary some days ago to order a survey to be made on her by our gunner and gunners mate, who have deliver'd in their report, which is now inclos'd, from which your honour &ca. will understand perfectly the condition of the vessel, and therefore we beg leave to refer to it. We shall use our utmost endeavours to get this vessel to sea again, and to that end all our people are now very busily employ'd in getting her haul'd up to a proper place for refitting her.

The expence of building our faussebray work round our Fort walls already amounts to about 3,000 pagodas, and is but a little above half done. According to the first estimate of the cost of this work, the whole was to amount to no more than pagodas 4,226-13-70. We therefore order'd Messrs. Baker and Eyre to deliver us in a report by which your honour &ca. might be acquainted with the reasons of

this increase which we now inclose for your peruzal. Your honour &ca. have also inclosed a calculate of the cost of finishing the work, according to the new plan, which indeed vastly exceeds what was first proposed, but as the whole will be a very compleat and substantial peice of work when made an end of, we trust that will make amends for the exceedings.

We are, with respect, Honourable sir and sirs, your most obedient servants,

AUGUSTUS BURTON—EDWARD CROKE—THOMAS EYRE—EDWARD HARRIS—ROBERT ALLEN CHARLES FLOYER.

Fort St. David,
14th September, 1741.

TO THE WORSHIPFULL AUGUSTUS BURTON ESQR.,
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

Worshipfull sir and sirs,

Conformable to your order for surveying the Hon'ble Company's sloop *Carolina* and report the condition we find her in and what fitting to be done to her, we are of opinion tho' she hath lain upon the sand she first grounded on at h[e]r coming into the river above this 9 months, yet with some difficulty and charge she may be got to a place about 500 yards from where she now is, and be either careen'd or hall'd ashore and repair'd in order to get out of the river soon after the next deepening of it and the barr by a fresh now ne[a]r the season to be expected.

The manner we propose to doe it, is by four large chelingas about 7 tun each being lash'd to a swifter round her so low as conveniently we can at low water, and to keep the swifter from rising four or more lashings pass'd under her keel and fasten'd to the said swifter and gunwall, and besides these 4 timbers of about 30 foot in length fasten'd to the swifter run[n]ing out before and behind the sloop and two transverse [b]eams lash'd to the ends of those by her side, and resting on that part of the top of the chelingas that extends before and behind the sloop. By this means we hope to raise her so as at high water to get her into deeper water and then to the place p[i]tch'd upon for refitting her, there to remain till the river and barr deepens sufficient for getting her out of the river, in which there's a considerable risque if the season prove dryer than usual, and if there shou'd not be more than 6 or 7 foot water on the bar, for so much at least she'l require, and is not fitly built for the rivers on this Coast, being mostly top and little bottoms.

To estimate the charge is too difficult a task till she comes upon the careen or on the shore to see the true condition of her. Her mast and tackling seems good and serviceable but her sailes will require some refitting.

We apprehend it necessary to set about this worke forthwith least a fresh come down upon her before she be secured to the shores in a convenient place. This is what we think needfull to report to your worship &ca. on this affair.

We are Worshipfull sir, your most obedient and most humble servants,

PHILIP BAKER—T. NEWMAN.

Fort St. David,
September 21th, 1741.

TO THE WORSHIPFUL AUGUSTUS BURTON ESQR.,
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST. DAVID &CA. COUNCIL.

Worshipfull sir and sirs,

Pursuant to an order from your worshipfull &ca. on occasion of the work on the fossbray wall round the Fort, and the Paymaster's observation on it that the late Deputy Governour had thought it proper to direct that it should be carry'd up an entire new wall letting the old wall remain within it to make the work the more substantial, and to make an estimate of the cost of carrying on the work in the manner it has been hitherto, which being of a much larger extent than at first design'd we must have recourse to that to shew where the exceeding will arise. Accordingly your worship &ca. may observe from our report of it of

the 3d June 1740 that there it was only propos'd the laying an outer foundation on wells and raising on it an additional base to the old fossbray wall to taper off to it at about five foot high. Instead of which, the late Deputy Governour finding the foundation of the old wall very bad and that by the sinking the wells the water oosing thro' it made it settle and open in several cracks above, as the wells were sinking, especially in parts where it was much swoln out before which so render'd it still too weak or not trustworthy to sustain the shock of the heavy guns upon it as well as from those on the curtains above; and this we understand was the occasion of the late Deputy Governor's directions to have the wall on the new foundations carry'd up 15 foot above the wells, entirely new and substantial, which was at first design'd only as an additional base to the old wall, and to let that stand as it was without further disturbance.

This work as hitherto carry'd on will also be considerably larger than at first design'd by the carrying out the faces of the bastions much further than our former calculate by the base of the old wall, which runs out no further than near paralel to the flatness of the bastions within; and this the late Deputy Governour directed to make them the more defensible and capable of the advantage of being scour'd from the flanks of the bastions above. This also with the widening of the ditch as he design'd from about 45 to 60 foot broad, runs out the counterscarp proportionably extensive.

We were so sensible that these alterations would make a very considerable increase of what propos'd by calculate for the cost of this work, and were not wanting frequently to apprize Mr. Hubbard of it. But we found by his answers that t'were pity a work of such cost and consequence should not at once be done perfectly, or not securely strong enough for want of some additional expence, as in the performance was found necessary to make it as regular and durable as could be, and by repeated instances of this kind, he seem'd to have the thing at heart to make it so; and we believe (though thus appriz'd of it) he did not think those alterations would make so considerable a difference as appears by our calculate on remeasuring the work so as above [enlarged] and extended; which with a copy of the former estimate and report we here present for your worship &cas. perusal.

What already done in this work is, the new fossbray wall built quite up along the west side of the Fort and about two-thirds of that on the north side (fac'd 4 foot above the wells with ironstone) to the surface of the parade at the cost of near about three thousand pagodas, and measures 990 feet; from which as experimentaly nearest to the truth, we choose to calculate what remains to be done, and at that rate the total charge of the fossbray wall will amount to about pagodas 5,706.

The counterscarp of this work is not yet begun. We must reckon that from the remeasurage projecting proportionable to the new fossbray wall, and so exceeding the former measure, will bring it in the whole to amount of two thousand two hundred thirty-four pagodas.

As the old bridge across the ditch was built by two walls fill'd up with earth without any draw-bridge to stop an open entrance on the fossbray, Mr. Hubbard in the late troubles order'd an opening to be cut down across it for that purpose, and a draw-bridge to be made of which the timbers and iron work are ready done for it; and as the old bridge lay a dead wall across in the way of all the flank guns he orderd also a standing plank bridge leading to the draw-bridge to be laid upon piers of brick work at a proper distance for opening away for the partridge shot from the flanks to clear the ditch. This we humbly apprehend to be very essential to the other work, and that it may be done well and substantial for near about the sum of two hundred and fifty pagodas which, in the whole amounting to about eight thousand one hundred and ninety pagodas is submitted to your worship &cas. consideration as the most impartial account we can give of so heavy a work if carry'd on so much beyond what at first propos'd and in a manner so substantial as hitherto it has been.

We are with much respect, Worshipfull sir and sirs, your most obedient humble servants,

THOMAS EYRE—PHILIP BAKER.

Fort St. David,
14th September, 1741.

Calculate of the cost and charges of buildings, [of] an entire new fossbray wall and parapet on the west, north and east sides round the Fort to the river, as it was laid out and begun by the late Deputy Governour Mr. Hubbard; measuring in all its angles 1,883 feet, built 13 foot high upon a foundation of wells sunk under it; and for the making a counterscarp wall and bridge to the moat.

	Pags.	f.	c.	Pags.	f.	c.
The Fossbray wall already built on the west and north sides measures 990 feet at the cost of about	3,000	0	0	......		
At which rate the 893 feet remaining to [be] built of the same height and substance — will cost about	2,706	0	0	... ..		
And the whole 1,883 feet will amount to about	......			5,706	0	0
The facing or counterscarp of the moat about 60 foot broad, as laid out by the late Deputy Governour measures 1,993 feet round, to be 10 foot deep and from 5 to 3 brick thick will require we compute about—						
Lack bricks 4,78,440, well-brick for 443 wells at 1,080 each, Pags. 50 of lack, is	239	7	31	......		
do 12,74,880 wall-brick for that wall at	637	15	72	......		
Chunam for 3 lack, 3,000 parra, at 10 per 1,000 brick, and ¾ parra per Madrass fanam is	111	4	0	......		
Jagry, at 1 per parra of chunam, 3,000 parra, takes up 6 candy at 7 Pags. per candy	42	0	0	......		
Cooly, sinking and filling up 443 wells at Pags. 2 each ...	886	0	0			
Bricklayers, clay and cooly building the wall at 4,000 brick of Pags. on 12¾ lack of brick.	318	27	0	......		
				2,234	18	23
Making a new bridge and drawbridge, all of timber and plank on brick piers, 60 foot long and 10 foot broad, we judge will cost about	......			250	0	0
Pagodas				8,190	18	23

Errors Excepted
per THOMAS EYRE—PHILIP BAKER.

Fort St. David,
the 14th September, 1741.

No. 97.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

Your favour of the 14th instant relating to the Hon'ble Company's sloop *Carolina* being already answered in our last of the same date, we have only to add that so soon as she is haul'd up dry we will acquaint your honour &ca. what repair she wants and send a calculate of the cost thereof.

The price of our cloth has risen very considerably lately. In last April, it was 39 Pags. per corge; the two next months it rose to forty one; and in July and August to forty two and a half. This being a very hasty increase, we call'd for the Company's brokers and desired they would acquaint us with the reasons of it. They replyed that they were many, but principally these: the great debasement of the country pagodas which is fallen from 75 to 62 touch, so that from 17½ gold fanams it formerly exchanged for, it is now fallen to 14½; the dearness of cotton; and lastly, the late troubles in the country which not to mention that the whole province still feels the effects of, they further apprehend a return of them and leave it to our consideration whether such rents in any government are not

sufficient to affect every branch of trade whatever and everything else. These were the substance of the arguments the brokers made use of, which we told them we would represent to your honour &ca. and cou'd do no more However they promise to bring in cloth to the amount of the ballance remaining in their hands at 42½, and better than what they have brought in lately, in order to be advanced in future only Star pagodas for the provision of any sort of cloth whatever.

In our letter of the 24th ultimo, we acquainted your honour &ca. that we had advanc'd our brokers 6,000 pagodas for Salem where they had not yet provided cloth this year on account of the late troubles, and for fear of their breaking out afresh. They have since inform'd us that none but Star pagodas will pass there. We have therefore agreed to let the above money remain in their hands to be employed at Chemanaikpollam. According to the broker's calculate the Salem cloth will cost about forty-one Star pagodas and a half per corge, and as the Hon'ble Company have this part of the investment very much at heart, we shou'd be glad your honour &ca. wou'd supply us with 10,000 Star pagodas to be employed this way since no other will absolutely pass.

We have at length with very great difficulty engaged Andiapa to be an inhabitant of Cuddalore and to undertake to provide cloth for the Company, but as it is late in the season, we cannot prevail upon him to take a larger advance than 2,000 Allumbrum pagodas; however he promises his utmost diligence in the investment. We hope this step will prove satisfactory to your honour &ca. as the Deputy Governour assures us our Hon'ble masters have often wrote very pressingly to get Andiapa entertain'd again in their service.

We are, with respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient servants,

AUGUSTUS BURTON—EDWARD CROKE—THOMAS EYRE—EDWARD HARRIS—ROBERT ALLEN—CHARLES FLOYER.

Fort St. David,
19th September, 1741.

No. 98.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Honourable sir and sirs,

The wares and stores sent us on sloop *Robert* and *Mary* brigantine as per advice thereof from Mr. Secretary Savage under date the 19th and 27th ultimo and 7th instant we have receiv'd and they turn out according to invoice. Yesterday we receiv'd another letter from Mr. Secretary Savage of the 27th instant advising of a supply of 10,000 pagodas intended us the next day which we have sent out peons to meet.

Inclosed is a second report of the gunner and his mate concerning the Hon'ble Company's sloop *Carolina*, which we have at last with a great deal of difficulty got into deep water. We are now giving her all the repair we can, but without hauling her ashore, the reasons for which and the methods we propose to take to get her over the bar, your honour &ca. will find in the said report to which we beg leave to refer.

We are, Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most obedient servants,

AUGUSTUS BURTON—EDWARD CROKE—THOMAS EYRE—EDWARD HARRIS—ROBERT ALLEN—CHARLES FLOYER.

Fort St. David,
30th September, 1741.

TO THE WORSHIPFULL AUGUSTUS BURTON ESQR,
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

Worshipfull sir and sirs,

Having with some difficulty got the Hon'ble Company's sloop *Carolina* into water sufficient to float her and the place she now is in indifferently convenient to

careen her, though there is none fit to haul her ashore upon, we propose first to get her upper works caulk'd to fit her for heaving down in order to give her the best repair we can. What she needs as to her bottom we shall be able to acquaint your worship &ca. so soon as we can get a fair view of it.

The place she now is in we think the most convenient birth we can find for her; and then if the bar break out in the old place where usual, she'll be in a readiness to get out by the first deepning of the bar, and if the bar continues in the place it now is, then our best endeavours must be, if any sands shou'd be thrown up between her and it to float her over them, by the assistance of two sparrs one on each side of her. As to the charges we can't make a just estimate of that till we can see her bottom. In the meantime this is the needfull report at present to offer to your worship's &ca. consideration by, Worshipfull sir and sirs, your most obedient humble servants,

PHILIP BAKER—J. NEWMAN.

Fort St. David,
September, 30th 1741.

No. 99.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Honourable sir and sirs,

This serves only to inclose invoice and bill of lading for 190 bales laden on board the *Mary* brigantine amounting to Pags. 13,081-15-0 and go consign'd to your honour &ca. on our Hon'ble Masters' account.

We are Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient servants,
AUGUSTUS BURTON—EDWARD CROKE—THOMAS EYRE—ROBERT ALLEN—CHARLES FLOYER.

Fort St. David,
2d October, 1741.

LIST OF CLOTH ON HAND—

Embaled	43
At the washers	69½
At the beaters	79
At the dyers	73½
Brown	30
	252

No. 100.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

The above is duplicate of what wrote yesterday by the brigantine *Mary*, and this incloses duplicate invoice and second bill of lading for 190 bales sent on her on our Hon'ble masters' account and risque.

We have receiv'd your favour of the 27th ultimo to which we shall reply in few days; as also another of the 28th ultimo accompanying a supply of 10,000 Star pagodas which turn out right; and by the returning peons we shall send your honour &ca. tomorrow the 3,353 bad pagodas agreeably to your orders under date the 17th August last. We will make no advances of the new money to our merchants till we receive your directions.

We are with respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient servants,
AUGUSTUS BURTON—EDWARD CROKE—THOMAS EYRE—EDWARD HARRIS—ROBERT ALLEN—CHARLES FLOYER.

Fort St. David,
3rd October, 1741.

No. 101.

To the Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.,

President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

Your favour of the 29th ultimo now lies before us. We are sorry your honour &ca shou'd mistrust any remissness in us with respect to the sloop *Carolina*, having all along taken the utmost care of her in our power as well as us'd our best endeavours to get her out the last monsoon. We think the Master, if anybody, is the person to be blamed, since it was intirely owing to his misrepresentation of her draught of water (which he told us was no more than 5½ feet, whereas she now quite empty draws near seven abaft), that she was attempted to be brought into the river, which could never have been effected but a very extraordinary high tide owing as we imagin'd to hard weather without. In our letter of the 31st October 1740, we advis'd your honour &ca. of her being safely got in and that the Paymaster, gunner and Master of her, Henry Harris, were order'd to survey her and deliver in a report of what they thought necessary to be done to her, which they accordingly did as enter'd after Consultation of the 7th November, wherein they give an account of her being leaky, and that they thought it necessary she shou'd be haul'd on shore in a proper place in order to be repair'd. This they were order'd to set about; Messrs. Baker and Harris afterwards deliver'd in another report as enter'd after Consultation of the 17th November last wherein they set forth their having used their utmost endeavours to effect it, but from her great draught of water and the shallowness of the river found it hardly possible, at least very difficult to be done, and giving it as their opinion to be better and safer repairing her where she lay in the best manner possible, it being the deepest part of the river, and the best if not the only place she cou'd be safely laid in at that time, altho' there aground every low water. The want of freshes in the river last year to deepen the bar, it having gradually grown shallower from the time of her being brought in render'd it impossible to get her out in the month of December last, as we then advis'd your honour &ca. Presently after which the river fill'd up so much where she lay, as to cause her constantly to lay aground (but as we apprehend without any damage to her, it being out of the way of any swell) where we thought it better for her to continue till an opportunity offer'd to get her out which we hop'd from the freshes this year, and so repair her for once and all than be continually removing her as the river shifted, which is but too common here.

With regard to the alteration in the fausse-bray work which occasions the additional expence we can assure your honour &ca. it was in our judgements absolutely necessary to save even the Fort walls themselves, which Messrs. Eyre and Harris will be able to explain to you more fully. However the necessity of the alteration in the plan does not at all justify our not acquainting you with it before and therefore we beg your honour's pardon for this omission. Thus far the Council.

Your honour &ca. desire our opinion what methods are fittest to be taken to get sloop *Carolina* over the bar, and whether the method now us[e] to float her may not serve for that purpose, to which we beg leave to answer that we know of no secure method that can now be taken. For though by the assistance of spars she may be raised somewhat and safely in the smooth water she now lies in, yet considering her great draught of water and the shallowness of the bar wherein there is always a very great swell, we think it exceeding dangerous, if at all practicable, to attempt carrying her over the bar in that manner for which reason we can see no other chance left for it but a seasonable fresh to deepen the bar which we are in hopes of this monsoon, when we assure your honour &ca. no care on our part shall be wanting to get it down.

When we had brought our brokers to consent to bring in cloth to the amount of the remaining ballance at Pags. 42½ upon the easy condition of being advanc'd Star pagodas only for the future, we thought we had done an agreeable peice of

service to our Hon'ble masters. We are very much concern'd to find the contrary by your favour of the 28th and 29th ultimo, but we are willing to persuade ourselves our fault has been in not explaining this subject so fully as ought to have been done in ours of the 19th last month, which we hope will be an excuse for our now taking it up again in order to discover to you the real motives of our request for Star pagodas for a future investment.

The consideration of the very low touch of the country money and the apprehensions we had of a further debasement intended, which are too well founded, if we are rightly inform'd, give us very great uneasiness especially as we have so large a ballance outstanding.

For shou'd the country pagodas be cried down either by the caprice of the present Nabob or from a wicked design in him or by an unlucky revolution in the government, we say shou'd either of these misfortunes happen and one of them we think it is more than probable may happen, our loss must certainly be very great. To prevent therefore the effects of so fatal a blow, we imagin'd the best method wou'd be to get in our ballances as fast as possible; and how cou'd we do this better than by recommending the brokers' proposal as above? We cou'd see no advantage we gave them therein; but according to the best of our judgements a very great one on our side, for we insur'd ourselves a handsome parcel of cloth by giving the brokers a spur to bring in as much as possible, that they might the sooner have the Star pagodas to act upon a more certain footing and at the same time we secur'd our Hon'ble masters from any loss, let what wou'd happen as long as our brokers shou'd be worth anything to pay. The sum of what we wou'd say is this, that had your honour &ca. accepted the proposal we recommended upon the brokers' own terms, we are with the utmost deference of opinion that your honour &ca. had done no more than what you will be obliged to do by and by in fact, provided the investment goes on and not with the same advantage. For even supposing the country pagoda shou'd pass sometime longer, it will be at so low a rate that it will be equal whether we purchase in country or Star pagodas, since we have found by past experience that the cloth seemingly rises in proportion as the country pagoda is debased. Our Chemanaickpollam cloth now rises daily, and we are afraid that it will mount this month to 44 Pags. per corge, the reasons of which our merchants have very solidly set forth in our Consultations of the 19th last month to which we refer, although we were unwilling to perceive the strength of them. All that we can do on our parts is to take care that the brokers do not charge more for the cloth than it costs, and this we promise your honour &ca. we will do to the utmost of our power, and if there be reason to think any impositions are laid upon us in this respect, we shall be very glad to be favour'd with the intelligence your honour &ca. may have, whereby we may be able to detect them.

Our shroffs cannot be brought to agree with yours relating to the touch of the Allumbarra pagodas. They contend positively that they are not above 62 touch; but whether they be 62 or 68 it matters not with regard to the Salem investment, if what our brokers say be true, that they will not pass at all there, nor even at Chemanaikpollam for above 62. We have talk'd our brokers over again about the Salem cloth, but they still say they cannot provide any under 41½, brokerage included, which is about the same price it formerly cost when the current pagodas were of 80 touch. If your honour &ca. seem to hint that, if we drop Salem, we can provide so much the more at Chemanaikpollam, by your saying that it is more for the Company's interest that we make our whole investment in the Chemanaikpollam cloth at 42½ of the Allumpara money, and therefore we must beg leave to acquaint your honour &ca. that our investment at Chemanaikpollam will not be the least enlarged by [d]ropping Salem, nor can we pretend to provide the Chemanaikpollam cloth at 42½ as we have inform'd you above; and since your honour &ca. have rejected the brokers' proposal, and the money falls daily, they will not be very ready to make the same again.

We shall observe your commands in regard to Messrs. Wynch, Sloper and Stacey. The effects of the latter Mr. Floyer and Mr. Fowke are order'd to take

care of, Mr. Wynch is appointed Steward and under the Paymaster and Mr. Sloper under the Deputy Governour. As we are very much in want of hands we shou'd be obliged to your honour &ca. if you wou'd send us down two writing assistants.

Messrs. Eyre and Harris set out for Fort St. George this evening, Mr. Floyer has taken charge of the Paymaster's employ, and we have appointed Mr. Fowke to act as Sea and Land Customer of Cuddalore till we receive your further directions.

We shall be obliged to your honour &ca. to compleat our indent of stationary ware, what you have already sent not being nearly sufficient for the expence of the year.

Inclosed are our accounts of expences for August, and cash account for last month the ballance whereof is in country pagodas 11,581 and in Star pagodas fanams and cash 10,830-8-50. Inclos'd also are our Consultations for August and September which we shall continue to send your honour &ca. monthly with our other papers.

We are with respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient servants,

AUGUSTUS BURTON &CA.

Fort St. David,
4th October, 1741.

No. 102.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

Our last was under date the 16th June per pattamar, duplicate whereof we now enclose; since which we have to acknowledge your several favours under date the 30th June per *Prince of Orange*, the 4th July per *Hallifax*, and the 11th Do. per *London*, which last arrived from that ship by the chowkee boat last night, who left her the 23d instant a little below Injellee. The different invoices and papers mentioned to be in the several packets also came safe to hand.

We observe the necessity your honour &ca. were under to take out the most part of the pepper consigned us on the *Hallifax* for the service of the *Caesar*, which we shall debt your presidency for. The redwood on that ship and the *Prince of Orange* is not yet landed, so we cannot certify whether the quantity comes out right according to invoice.

We are sorry that the great want of men in your garrison obliged your honour &ca to detain eighteen soldiers sent us on the *Prince of Orange*, for as we have not now the opportunities of raising recruits as formerly, they would have been very usefull here; and in case of a supernumerary force, we have our Hon'ble masters' orders for sending such to recruit the garrison at Bombay. However since the occasions of your honour &ca. called them to your service, we acquiesce therein.

From what your honour &ca. wrote us of the Moratas having left the country except about four thousand horse at Tritchenapoly, we might have expected the province would have been entirely quiet; but are concerned to find that the low estate your Navob is reduced to, gives occasion of farther trouble, and has encouraged the polygars to rise and insult him. These disorders we wish speedily ended, and the province settled.

We shall (according to your honour &ca. desire) credit your presidency for the amount of the ten chests of treasure received per the ship *Bedford* at fifteen dollars in tale per ten pagodas, which by the invoice from Fort Marlbro' stands thus, 10 chests silver pz. oz. 34,880 at 5-6 per oz. and ½ per cent charges is £ strg. 9,639-19-2½; at 9 s per pagoda is Pags. 21,422-4-65; which at 15 dollars per 10 pagodas is dollars 32,133 reas 81.

We observe that your honour &ca have had no packet from our Hon'ble masters by either of these ships *Prince of Orange* and *London*. In this situation we think it necessary to send you copies of the 6th, 11th and 12th paragraphs of their letter to

us per the *Prince of Orange*, which relate to the disposition of their shipping this year. Wherein you will find that our orders are to send on the *London* to Bencoolen three hundred tons of saltpetre and sixty tons of redwood, which we shall comply with. You will also remark that no ship is this year ordered to Benjar, so that we hope the gentlemen at Fort Marlbro' will (with the aid from hence of saltpetre &ca. as above) be in condition to send both the *London* and store-ship home from thence.

Agreeable to your honour &ca. request, we shall send the gunny bags, ophium and oil to the West Coast on the *London*, in case we receive no advices to the contrary before her dispatch.

We think it necessary to acquaint your honour &ca. that our Hon'ble masters have ordered us to lade on each ship of theirs dispatched to Europe this year, from one hundred eighty to two hundred tons of saltpetre on whole freight.

Enclosed is invoice and bill of lading for twelve bales of baftæs and sannœs laden on this ship *Mercury* for your presidency, amounting to five thousand seven hundred seventy seven current rupees (C. Rs. 5,777), with copy of the Hon'ble Company's instructions thereon transmitted agreeable to their order. The remainder (being five hundred pieces of midling sannœs and three hundred one pieces of fine ditto) shall be sent as soon as we can procure them.

The enclosed packet to our Hon'ble masters we must request your honour &ca. to forward on one of their ships now with you.

We are Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most humble servants,

THOMAS BRADDYLL—ROBERT EYRE—JOHN FORSTER—WILLIAM DAVIS—WILLIAM BARWELL—JOHN HALSEY.

Fort William,
the 25th July, 1741.

P.S.—We have thought proper to add among the paragraphs taken from our Hon'ble masters per *Prince of Orange*, one relating to the Revd. Mr. Wynch.

COPY OF THE 6TH, 11TH, AND 12TH PARAGRAPHS TAKEN OUT OF THE HON'BLE COMPANY'S LETTER TO BENGALL PER PRINCE OF ORANGE, DATED 6TH FEBRUARY 1740.

6. A copy of the Company's general letter to Fort St. George per *King William*, dated 6 February 1740.

11. We have judged it necessary to order the ship *Nassau* first to Bombay the better to supply that Island with men and stores, on delivery whereof she will be immediately ordered away for your place with a loading of cotton upon our account, on her arrival she must be dispatcht directly to us or Fort St. George to fill up there as you may judge proper. The copy of her chartyparty will be forwarded to you from Bombay.

12. The *London*, a ship on the Bencoolen establishment, is consigned first to your [presidency ?]. Upon her arrival in Bengall you must put on board three hundred tons of saltpetre and sixty tons of redwood with such stores, ophium from Patna and other articles as our servants there or at Fort St. George may inform you will be of service or turn to a good account on the West Coast, consigning the same by invoice and bill of lading to our Deputy Governour and Council at Fort Marlbo[r]ough and forward the copy of that ship's chartyparty to them.

87. We hereby direct that in case the Reverend Mr. Wynch comes to Bengall you pay him the same salary and allowances as to the Reverend Mr. Bellamy and that he act jointly as our Captain [*sic*] on his arrival till a vacancy shall happen.

RUMBOLD,
Secretary.

COPY OF THE LAST PARAGRAPH OF THE HON'BLE COMPANY'S LIST OF INVESTMENT TO BENGALL RECEIVED PER PRINCE OF ORANGE.

You must send to Madrass on our account with a copy of this instruction Vizt.

Five hundred peices fine } brown sannœs such as we received this year to
Five hundred peices midling } be whitned there.
Five hundred peices midling Do. the same sort as above } to be printed
Five hundred peices bafteas jugdea } there.
The bafteas must be the strongest and best you can get.

True Copy,
RUMBOLD,
Secretary.

No. 103.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA, COUNCIL AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

The accompanying is duplicate of our last per *Mercury* with duplicate of our address to the Hon'ble the Court of Directors which your honour &ca. will please to forward to them as before requested.

The *London*, Captain Bootle, (whom we advised in our last to be arrived near Ingellee) is now safe in the river.

We must request that your honour &ca. will please to order six small seals to be cut with the arms of our Hon'ble masters (as those were we wrote for last year) and send them to us as soon as possible for the use of our offices.

We are, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most humble servants,

THOMAS BRADDYLL—JOHN FORSTER—WILLIAM DAVIS—WILLIAM BARWELL.

Fort William,
the 6th August, 1741.

No. 104.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST. GEORGE &CA. COUNCIL.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

We addressed your honour &ca. in a letter under date the 31st of July last the duplicate whereof you have now enclosed; since when we have received the favour of your honour &ct. of the 4th of August enclosing your open account current with this factory at the close of your last books, and agreeable to your orders shall debt your account Pags. 15,897–33–54, the amount of what laden by you on board the *Fort St. George* sloop design'd for this settlement.

We have laden on board the *George*, Captain John Taylor, Commander, 46 bales of callicoes account and risque our Hon'ble masters, amounting to Pags. 2,707–4–61 and have dispatch'd Captain Taylor for Coringa road with orders to receive on board his ship all such bales as Mr. Richard Prince shall send on board him belonging to our Hon'ble masters, and to follow all such further orders as he shall receive from Mr. Prince relating to his future proceedings. We have also recommended it to Mr. Prince to give the *George* as quick a dispatch as is possible for your place as she is designd for the West Coast presently after her arrival with you.

We have also laden on board the *George* 3 peices of brass and one of iron ordnance being useless. Bill of lading for the same comes enclosed, the cost whereof as they stand in our books is as follows.

Brass ordnance 3 pieces received here Anno 1696 pz. 9 c. 2 qt. 22 lb. and valued at	pagodas.	186-34-40
Iron ordnance 1 piece received here Anno 1696 pz. 8 c. 3 qt. 20 lb.and valued at	pagodas.	25-21-72
		212-20-32

which sum we shall debt account current Fort St. George.

Richard Heycock, one of our military alledging to us that he had served out his contracted time with the Company and requesting his discharge, we endeavoured to perswade him to relist but to no purpose. In order therefore to make him easy we have permitted him to return to Fort St. George on the *George* and have given Captain Taylor orders to receive him on board and deliver him up on his arrival to the orders of your honour &ca. for you to do therein as you shall think proper. He is a very sober man but complains that he has not had his health since he has been at this settlement.

The account of ship *George's* expences at this place we will transmit your honour &ca. by peons which we shall dispatch hence in 2 or three days. In the interim we remain with respect,

Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient humble servants,

JOHN STRATTON—THOMAS SAUNDERS.

Vizagapatam,
September the 1st, 1741.

No. 105.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

The foregoing is duplicate of what wrote your honour &ca. per ship *George* under date as above. She sailed hence for Ingeram the 6th ultimo. This serves therefore to enclose duplicate invoice and 2d bill of lading for 46 bales of callicoes laden on board her account and risque our Honourable Masters, amounting to pagodas 2,707-4-61. Captain Taylor requesting an advance of rupees 500 for the use of ship *George*, we paid him the same and enclosed we also send an account of ship *George's* expences at this port.

Captain Taylor being obliged to cutt away one of his anchors we supplyed him with another belonging to some private merchant here as there was none belonging to the Company stocked. We are therefore to request your honour &ca. will send us the same by the 1st conveyance to this port.

Our cash and Paymaster's accounts for the month of July and August comes enclosed.

We are with respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient humble servants,

JOHN STRATTON—THOMAS SAUNDERS.

Vizagapatam,
October the 1st, 1741.

No. 106

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

Last night we received a letter from Mr. Richard Prince of the 4th current advising that he had that instant received a letter from Mr. Andrews at Maddapollam of the 2nd giving an account that the mate of the ship *George* was come on shoar at that place who informed Mr. Hallyburton that the *George* was at the barr of that port having sprung a leak by which means she made 7 inches of water every hour, that Mr. Hallyburton was gone down the river in a large boat

in order to lighten her, and that there were others agetting ready to send after him. We hope the leak will be soon found out after she is lightned and repaired in time so as to proceed on her passage without any detrement to the intrest of our Honourable masters.

We are Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient humble servants,

JOHN STRATTON—THOMAS SAUNDERS.

Vizagapatam,
[October], 1741.

No. 107.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

1. Before we enter upon a particular reply to your favours of the 12th instant we must ask your pardon for a mistake committed by us in our letter of the 19th ultimo, wherein we acquainted your honour &ca. that our cloth cost in April last 39 pagodas per corge, and that it rose the two next months to 41 pagodas, whereas what we have taken in has cost 41 all along till the month of July, when it rose to Pags. 42–18 and that of 39 is what we turn'd out and took in afterwards at an abatement. We shall now proceed.

2. Our brokers allow they ought to pay in their ballances, if requir'd, in the same pagodas they receive but the consequences your honour &ca. draw from thence, that they ought not to raise the price of the cloth till they have brought in to the amount of the ballance due from them in the late current pagodas they cannot grant. We shall examine the former position first and treat of the other afterwards.

3. As the cloth did not begin to rise till July last we understand your sense to be that the brokers shou'd be obliged to pay if demanded the ballance due from them the 1st of July last being Pags. 15,244–13–70 in pagodas of the same touch with the 50,000 pagodas they receiv'd two years before. The ensuing advances being made in Allumpara pagodas are out of the question. But the 50,000 pagodas abovemention'd were all expended in cloth in the year ['40] and the above ballance of Pags. 15,244–13–70 consists of 10,000 pagodas advanc'd them in the beginning of 1741, and of the remainder which was advanc'd them in the latter end of 1740. These we will call the late current pagodas to distinguish them from the Allumpara. Now by the order we publish'd here 19 May last which your honour &ca. was pleased to say was founded in justice and equity, the pagodas passing here in 1741 were to be esteem'd of 70 touch and those passing in 1740 of 75 touch. Thus we pass the same judgment with your honour &ca. that the brokers ought to pay as they receive, but we make the payment to be in pagodas of 70 and 75 touch, and your honour &ca. in those of more than 80 touch. We shou'd be obliged to your honour &ca. for your judgment of the affair as it is now stated.

4. For the other position which your honour &ca. lay down as a consequence of the foregoing, that the brokers ought not to raise the price of the cloth till their ballance of the late current pagodas are out, we cannot bring them to consent to. By the terms they are upon with us they are to be in short strictly brokers, and no more. They are obliged to purchase the cloth as cheap as it lays in their power, to let us have it as it costs them, and to receive only a stated brokerage for their trouble. Can your honour &ca. then expect by this compact between the brokers and us that we shou'd receive the cloth from them considerably cheaper than they buy it? If we cou'd force them to such a thing we are assur'd the Company would be no gainers by it in the end. Was it ever required of a factor that he shou'd charge the goods he purchases for his employer at a cheaper rate than it costs him, and if we were so unwise to do so, wou'd it not lay his management open to suspicions? If these questions be rightly answer'd, we cannot see how the brokers are bound to bring in all their ballance of the late

current pagodas in cloth of the same price, without your honour &ca. means that they should charge it at an average of what it costs them in the whole. Your honour &ca. allow our brokers' arguments to be very solid and just why the cloth shou d rise when purchas'd with the Allumpara pagodas but make the case different in regard to the late current pagodas, and yet the latter have sunk in their value since your order relating to the Star pagodas, as the former have lately and do daily. We beleive we might have said a little before that order though we do not fix the date of the lost credit of the late current pagodas at that time, but carry it farther back; however it was almost insensible till we come near or to this period, when it sunk very fast indeed; and presently after there was little more to be heard of the late current pagodas. Your honour &ca. differ from us very much upon this head, but as what you say upon this subject is necessary to the present argument, we shall take the liberty to turn to it. So long ago as in February 1739/40 your honour &ca. attributed the rise of the cloth to the baseness of the pagoda, and yet there was no check given to our brokers upon that account, the cause being thought a just one and your honour &ca. accordingly spoke of it in very mild terms. We allude now to your favour of the 15th February 1739/40 where you say to us speaking of the rise of fanams. "You impute this to Nanjan Chittys engrossing them but we wish it does not rather proceed from the baseness of the pagodas of this province." As the rise of the cloth will always be in a proportion to the rise of fanams, all other things being equal, we take those two expressions to mean the same thing. Our brokers closed what they said to us upon the subject with this question; if any one shou'd send a parcel of bad pagodas to his correspondent to purchase goods with and this correspondent shou'd agreeably to his commission employ the whole or a part of them accordingly, wou'd it be just in the other upon an order of Government being issued forth afterwards to cry those pagodas down or upon their losing their credit at once let the cause be what it will, wou'd it be just in such case to call the money back again instead of the goods already purchased and to expect to be paid in the new coin instead of the old, or for what not yet purchas'd to expect to have it at the same rate as before the coin had sunk in its value? We leave your honour &ca. to answer this question having given you our brokers' sense as near as we can in it. We are concern'd to enter upon so long a detail, but if any thing we have said serves to clear up the objections your honour &ca. have raised we dare hope your indulgence to excuse the trouble we may have put you to.

5. Our brokers tell us they shou'd be very glad to clear themselves from the ill opinion you seem to entertain of them, but as from the nature of their employs some confidence must be reposed in them, when that confidence comes to be mistrusted they have no other way of setting themselves right in your opinion but by the negative proofs which are always allowed to be very difficult. In the present argument, they are not only difficult but impossible. They must therefore make use of circumstances which they think so plain as even to amount to proofs. For when they receiv'd pagodas of 8 touch they brought in cloth to the amount of the advance of that touch, and of a price proportionably to it. When they receiv'd pagodas of $7\frac{3}{4}$ touch they made no difference in the prices upon that score but brought it in at the same rate they did when they receiv'd those of 8 touch. Nay they continued to make no difference till they had laid out very near all those pagodas they receiv'd of $7\frac{1}{2}$ touch. To make this plainer, let us compare the cost of the Chemanaikpollam cloth for these three or four years past. In 1737 it cost Pags. 44-31-62. In '38 Pags. 44-28-13. In'39 Pags. 41-2-37 and in'40 Pags. 42-15-40. Therefore we mistook when we said just now the brokers had made no difference, they made a very great difference to the advantage of our Hon'ble masters, for it may be observed that the cloth was cheapest in the very year the pagodas were worst; and had the pagoda been better no doubt in the last year, it wou'd have been somewhat cheaper still tho' but a trifle. The foregoing calculates include the land custom and dustore and all charges. Now supposing the same in what cloth brought in from the 1st January to the end of June this year and it will turn out Pags. 42-33-9

which is the cheapest we have had for many years. But the brokers claim no merit from this further than what their strict application to the Company's business may give them because notwithstanding the late current pagoda was intolerably debased, yet so far it had sunk very little in it's value, and other accidents helped to make the cloth cheaper. They therefore only make mention of this as a proof of their having been true to their trust. It must be noted also that the cloth abovemention'd of Pags. 42–33–9 per corge was purchased with the late current pagoda before its downfall and while it was to be exchanged with little loss. From what we have said, it will naturally f[o]llow that there are many causes which contribute to make the cloth turn out dearer one year than another and even one month than another. Therefore we conclude it is impossible to make a fix'd calculate of what the cloth will cost for any two months together at any time, but more especially now, in this fluctuating state of the coin. The late current pagodas kept up their value till they wer[e] debas'd 15 or 20 per cent and even for two or three years, whereas the Allumpara pagodas of 68 touch to-day shall not pass for 60 a month hence. Our calculates therefore are made upon shifting principles and must of consequence deceive us. For which reason when our brokers calculate the price of cloth it must be understood that they do it only to the best of their knowledge and that they cannot pretend to be certain it will absolutely turn out no dearer or cheaper. Upon all these considerations if ever the cloth shou'd rise under our management (as it is cheaper at present than it has been for many years) we hope you will not impute that of itself as a fault to us since we shall use our utmost endeavours to prevent it. To sum up the whole. All that our brokers answer for is, that your honour &ca. shall have the cloth as cheap as it costs them and all that we answer for is that our utmost vigilance shall not be wanting to prevent their charging dearer for it than it costs them. We must therefore repeat again what we said in our last that if there be reason to think any impositions are laid upon us in this respect, we shall be very glad to be favour'd with any intelligence your honour &ca. may have relating thereto whereby we may be able to detect them.

6. The coin every day fluctuating at present, there is nothing which we ought to consider with greater attention, as the investment is now more than ever affected thereby. We hope therefore we shall be excus'd in giving our sentiments thereupon, in order by your honour &ca. assistance to make the best of a bad market for the interest of our Hon'ble masters 'tis in a great measure owing to your encouragement that we venture to spend so much of your time upon this subject.

7. We reckon the coin of the country has been debased a long time, how long is not necessary to our purpose, the cloth not having at once felt this debasement. For as the practice of lowering the coin was not at first so barefac'd as afterwards, the stamp gave it it's usual value for some time. But when it come to be universally known, that the pagodas was falling from it's original goodness daily and none knew where the evil wou'd end, the people of the country as by common consent, refus'd to exchange it for the same number of fanams they used to do and thus the cloth being purchas'd with fanams, our investment must of consequence be ultimately affected thereby. This was about the time your honour &ca. put a stop to its currency within your own limits. Then it sunk very fast and was consider'd at length for little more than a lump of gold of the same touch. Accordingly it was bought as such and coin'd into Allumpara pagodas of a touch much inferiour to the former. However these kept up their credit a good deal beyond their intrinsick worth for a little time as the former did for a longer, and are now with like fate sinking almost to their intrinsick value. This is owing to pagodas being still coin'd under the name of Allumpara pagodas, but of lower touches every day; and those which are bad affect the credit of those which are better. We hear that the Nabob has issued out his orders to coin more gold 5 per cent inferiour to any that has been yet coined and thus the same Allumpara pagodas that pass'd the other day for 62 will now pass for no more than 60 touch, these being again bought up to melt into the new

money. To make this argument still plainer, let us suppose Allumpara pagodas of 68 touch passing this day at 15 per cent discount in exchange for Star pagodas, and that a week hence more are coin'd of 60 touch. These last will then be issued out by the shroffs, and being of the same stamp with the former, will likewise pass with an equal credit for a little while with it, till the alarm comes to be given that two sorts of pagodas are out of the same stamp but of different touches, when the bad pagodas immediately weighs down the good and both pass at 20 per cent discount. Thus bad and good pagodas being mingled together with equal credit, the shroffs by their skill seperate the good from the bad, and then take the good to themselves and leave the bad to the publick, who receive it as good all along. A little [breathing time] being allowed, a new par[cel] of pagodas are coin'd of 50 touch, and these are now mingled again with those of 60 touch and pass both with the same credit at 20 per cent discount till the alarm is given as before which reduces both to 25 per cent discount, after the same manner the two foregoing sorts were reduc'd to 20 per cent discount; and the shroffs with like skill take those of 60 touch to themselves, and leave the other of 50 to the publick, taking care to nurse and keep up the credit of it much beyond it's intrinsick value, till the time comes for them to coin their hoard of 60 touch into those of 40 touch; and so on. Whence it is plain those very Allumpara pagodas which were purchas'd at first at 15 per cent discount shall pass at length at 25 per cent discount, or even at a greater discount if they are kept long enough. Wherefore if your honour &ca. purchas'd the Allumpara pagodas you sent us down as 68 touch any time past, we think the mystery may be very easily cleared up why they shou'd pass now for no more than 60 touch, and why we shou'd differ so widely concerning the touches of pagodas. The shroff game being once unriddled all difficulties are soon explain'd from what we have said. We are afraid it will hardly be ever possible to buy the Allumpara pagodas at their intrinsick value. For let us suppose some are coin'd to-day of 60 touch, and that the stamp and sanction of the Government give them a value of ten per cent beyond their intrinsick worth. Let us suppose also that others are coin'd a week hence of 50 touch. Then these last as we have already remark'd will bring the former down, but before they are quite sunk to their intrinsick value, there will be so many hands employ'd in getting them in that there will be very few left to make a market of, and those few when sent out in the country will pass for no more than the others of 50 touch. If we consider the argument in another light and which is the more probable too, it will be absolutely impossible to purchase the Allumpara pagodas at their intrinsick worth. To make his clear, instead of supposing pagodas of 50 touch as above we must suppose some of 55 coin'd under those of 60 touch. Then the former of 55 with the additional value the stamp gives them will pass (till others are coin'd still lower) for more than the intrinsick value of the latter. At the same time both pass at the very same rate tho' different in goodness, till those of 60 are all pick'd up in order to under-coin those of 55, so that it is demonstration [the Allumpara] money is a perishable commodity, and that the minters and shroffs are the only gainers by this vile traffick, for the Nabob has a small share in comparison to what the others get. It is also plain that when a new parcel of pagodas of an inferiour touch are first issued out there is great danger in purchasing, because they are mingled with those of a better touch, and therefore the very same Allumpara money purchased today at 15 per cent discount, shall pass a fortnight hence at 20 per cent discount or more. Thus the people who are last in the secret are sure to be the greatest losers. We need not observe to your honour &ca. how it may be made the interest of the shroffs to coin down our Star pagodas into the Allumpara money as the intrinsick goodness of the former is more than proportionable to the batta between them and especially at that time when the bad Allumpara pagodas pass with the credit of the good. We wave entering so far in the argument, and only make use of this observation to prove that it is better to purchase with the Allumpara pagoda where it will pass than with the Star, because the last passes but for its intrinsick value, and the former for more. Though it must be noted that notwithstanding the Allumpara will

always pass for more than its intrinsick value, yet if it is kept any time, it will be more advantagious purchasing with the star passing at its bare intrinsick worth. The reason is plain, the former may fall six or eight per cent upon your hands and yet pass above its intrinsick worth, whereas the latter, we lay it down, cannot. For example your honour &ca. hold the Allumpara money sent us to be of 68 touch, the intrinsick difference then between that and the Star is upwards of 17½ per cent. But the Allumpara will not pass here under 20 per cent; it wou'd be therefore rather for the interest of our Hon'ble masters to melt them down. Thus in whatever light we consider the baseness of the country pagoda, we think it demonstrable our Hon'ble masters are losers by it and will be in a more or less degree. We therefore spoke wrong when we said in our last that we apprehended a very great loss shou'd an order of the Government pass to cry the country money down; for upon more mature reflection, the loss is present; every new impression of the Allumpara pagoda answer[s] in effect an order to cry the old down, with this material difference that those orders are generally made to [restore] the coin but the present practice debases it. What we have hitherto said has been upon a supposition that your honour &ca. will not be able to purchase the Allumpara money at its intrinsick worth, for which we have given our reasons with the utmost submission, and we may add this one further, that when the batta upon the Star pagoda is equal or more than equal to the intrinsick difference between it and the Allumpara there need be no future apprehension of losses either to the Hon'ble Company's or any private person's estate whatever. But if there be no loss, from whence do the monstrous gains arise to those concern'd in lowering the coin? We heartily wi[sh] your honour &ca. may find it in your power to do as you say, but whether you shall or shall not find that possible, we must list [*sic*] under your judgment, that the best method will be to purchase no more of the Allumpara money than is immediately necessary for present expence, and then we cannot lose above two and a half per cent, which the iniquity of the times will extort from us in spite of our utmost care, unless some methods cou'd be found out to raise the batta upon the Star pagodas in proportion to its intrinsick worth above the country money. If however we shou'd at any time have more of the Allumpara money upon our hands than we cou'd immediately dispose of in the investment, and there shou'd be a fresh parcel issued out of the country mints of an inferiour touch, we think the best way wou'd be, if we cou'd get the secret in time, to get them off at the rate they the[n] bear as far as possible for Star pagodas. But as these are very scarce here, we beleive your honour &ca. will be better able to take this advantage than we. Were there any possibility of purchasing the Allumpara pagodas as cheap here as your honour &ca. can at Fort St. George, we wou'd offer it to your consideration to give us that liberty, by which we need never have a pagoda of the country money in cash, but as we are convinc'd we cannot have the same opportunities this way that your honour &ca. have, we must be contented to submit to a disadvantage. It is generally rumour'd that the practice of lowering the coin cannot last long, but we must confess it is our opinion that it will continue as long as there are any gains to be got by it, and that there will most certainly be as long as the Nabob gives a countenance to it and takes care that the minters do not coin their pagodas too fast one under another; so that we can see no other prospect before us, but that of the country pagodas becoming in the end meer brass. Then the Government will very likely fall upon a method of debasing the rupees or if they do not that they will very likely buy up gold to coin into good pagodas and after giving them a little time to fix their credit, begin to play the same pranks over again. Nothing therefore but new measures or a revolution in the Government can carry things again into their proper channel.

8. We have already proved that the present baseness of the country pagoda, all otherthings being equal, makes the cloth not only seemingly dearer, but actually dearer then it was formerly by at least 2½ per cent, and if we reckon the cloth purchased with the Allumpara pagodas your honour &ca. sent us down as 68 touch, passing at 20 per cent discount, it turns out to the Company 7½ per cent dearer, which is a dead loss to them. We have also proved, that when the late current pagoda fell

within a very short time 15 or 20 per cent, it was impossible, tho' they were all of the same touch, to provide cloth at the same rate as before that great fall. It has also been made plain how in purchasing with the present Allumpara pagodas or others that may be coin'd hereafter of an inferiour touch, there is a seeming advance and a real advance upon the price of the cloth. We make this brief recapitulation because if all the foregoing remarks are not very carefully distinguish'd it is a great chance but our thoughts will be misunderstood when we talk of the cloth's being cheaper or dearer. Let us now again return to the brokers. The ballance due from them of the late current pagodas the 1st of July last was Pags. 15,244–13–70. The amount of what they have brought in since at an advanc'd price of Pags. 1½ in the corge, that is at 42½ exclusive of brokerage, land custom and dustore, comes to Pags. 12,282–17–0 which sum they had not time to lay out before the late current pagoda had sunk almost to its intrinsick value. When we say almost it is relative to the great value it bore before for the shroffs catch them before they are quite fallen. The remainder due from them is Pags. 2,961–33–32 with which they declare they cannot purchase cloth under 44 pagodas exclusive of brokerage, land custom and dustore as near as they can tell. As for the Allumpara pagodas we have advanc'd them, they have brought in upon that account cloth to the amount of Pags. 2,300 and at the rate of 44 pagodas per corge, but such vile stuff not above 8 cauls, that we have turn'd it every peice out. Andiapa has likewise brought in some to the amount of 2,000 Allumbrum pagodas and with like success. They all tell us very flatly they cannot bring in any better at that price, and that if we expect good, and that of 9 cauls, we must pay at least 49 Pags. per corge. We therefore wait your directions herein, which we hope your honour &ca. will favour us with as soon as possible, being resolv'd to be guided absolutely by them. We only desire they may be full, for there is no medium between paying so much and dismissing the brokers. All that we can say is we know of no method of carrying on the Company's investment better than by brokerage, and it is a method by which it has flourish'd very much to our Hon'ble masters' interest for these three or four years past, and by the same hands that carry it on now. We hope it will continue so to do, and we have it much at heart to increase it. Your honour &ca. will doubtless consider how much we are put to it to get responsible men in this place, but much more to get both responsible and capable men. Therefore if these we have now are dismiss'd we know not where to get others equal to them. It was with very great difficulty we prevail'd upon Ir[z]apa Chitty to join the other two for the better security of the Company about two years ago. We shall only add that we think the cloth, if it be brought in good, and we shall take none that is not so, is very cheap at 49 Allumpara pagodas per corge, for allowing 25 per cent batta between them and the late current pagoda before it fell in it's value and so on a proportionable batta as it fell, the Chemanaikpollam cloth is at this time cheaper than it has been for many years. It depends therefore upon your honour &ca. to take the advantage of so glorious a season to reap an advantagious harvest, and especially as cotton thread grows dearer every day. Once more we intreat your honour &ca. to favour [u]s with an answer to this part of the letter as soon as possible that there may be no clogs to the investment by any delays. As we have come along we have not always added the brokerage, land custom and dustore to the cost of the cloth ; when that is the case, we mean only the cost when it enters our bounds, which includes all the charges in the country.

9. We are very much surpriz'd to find your honour &ca. calculate the cost of the Chemanaikpollam cloth at Star pagodas 36-34-34. We do not deny that the calculate is an exact one upon the principles laid down, but those principles we neither have nor can grant. Your honour &ca. take for a given postulate, that the Allumpara pagodas are of 68 touch and that we can purchase cloth with them for Pags. 42½ per corge. Whereas we told your honour &ca. in the plainest and most express terms in our last, that the Allumpara pagoda wou'd pass for no more than 62, and that we cou'd not pretend to provide the cloth at Pags. 42½. With your honours &ca. permission we will now give you our brokers' calculate. They suppose

Chemanaikpollam cloth of 9 cauls, 49 Allumpara pagodas per corge; those pagodas of 60 touch and the batta between them and the Star of 80 touch, 20 per cent. The cloth calculated by this rule will turn out to the Company, exclusive of brokerage, land custom and dustore Star Pags. 39[fns.] 2 per Corge, and allowing a reasonable batta between these again and the late current pagoda before they sunk in their value, it will turn out considerably cheaper than any that has been sent home for these many years; and yet exceeds your honour's &ca. calculate some per cent. This is the best however we can make. If there be any error we shall be glad to have it pointed out. It puts us under great difficulties, when we are obliged to dissent from your honour &ca. tho' in our own defence, and therefore we beg the favour of your honour &ca. to beleive that we endeavour to do it with all the respect and deference that is due to our superiours, and at the same time with diffidence of ourselves.

10. The other calculate which your honour &ca. have been so kind to favour us with, and by which you make the Salem cloth at $41\frac{1}{2}$ Star pagodas per corge, brokerage included, $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent dearer than we advis'd you the 24th October last year, we cannot agree to. According to that letter, it is expressly said the amount of one corge of Salem cloth bro't into our bounds amounts to Pags. 42-29-40. Besides this we pay 4 pagodas a month for servants kept to sort cloth at Salem and after this the cloth is charged with the merchants' brokerage and land custom and dustore. For the sake of the comparison we will omit the land custom and dustore, and then the (present) cost of the Salem cloth last October was Pags. 43-31-0. But is Pags. 41-18-0 $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent dearer than Pags. 43-31-0? We make it near $5\frac{3}{4}$ per cent cheaper and yet the pagodas are equal in value, and allowed to be so in both our calculates. However your honour &ca. add a remark that the current pagoda was considerably worse at that time than 80 touch. If by the word worse is only meant that the pagodas were debased we are of the same opinion, but if anything further be meant, that they were not only debased but pass'd at an inferiour value, we must beg leave with the greatest deference to think otherwise. Our reasons for it are that our merchants never made the least complaints of the badness of pagodas till about the period we have already observ'd, except of what they pass'd at Salem which they attributed to another cause. And yet if the thing were really so, it is very natural to judge that upon our enquiring into the charges of the cloth they shou'd make mention thereof in order to claim a merit from the cheapness of it notwithstanding so manifest a disadvantage, or in case of frauds to draw so plausible a disguise over them, either to stop the progress of a nicer scrutiny or to satisfy any doubts we might appear to have of their integrity. We cannot help thinking such a proceeding wou'd be natural in them, and especially as your honour &ca. may observe they do not fail to make use of the argument now for the cloths rising and it is evidently a very good one. The late current pagoda pass'd seven months ago for $17\frac{1}{2}$ gold fanams and the Allumpara now passes for $14\frac{1}{4}$. The difference is 22 per cent. It even now sinks in its value while we are writing. What we have said upon the cloths seemingly rising lately, and its not having been affected by the baseness of the pagoda before will serve to corroborate the accounts we gave your honour &ca. two years ago of the ill effects Nanjan Chitty's monopolies had upon our investment at Salem which your honour &ca. gave no credit to then, but which being compared with the reasons given for the badness of the Salem cloth in our annual letter last year, will we beleive give your honour &ca. room to alter your former opinion, because as we have said the cloth rose nowhere else, and because according to your observation the late current pagoda was at the very same time rather better than 80 touch. Wherefore it cou'd not be so much debased and sunk in its credit too, as to affect the cloth in any sensible degree. We shou'd not resume this subject but after very strict and repeated enquiries into this matter we find that this Nanjan Chitty has fix'd himself in a power that is exceedingly destructive to our Hon'ble masters interest. He is in short Mint Master and Renter of the cloth farm at Salem, if we may be allowed the expression. By virtue of the first employ he obliges

every pagoda we send there to be exchanged in his shop at 23½ when at the same time the townsmen exchange it for 25 in the buzzaar, and by virtue of the last he parcels out his cloth at the price he pleases, which he generally takes care to proportion to the necessities of those who came to market. Thus one seller and many buyers at a place, these buyers competitors and that seller dispotick, gives us a gloomy prospect of the future fate of this investment. At present it is pretty tolerable, Nanjan having been kept poor by the very small demands that have been made upon him hitherto this year on account of the disturbances that have been in the country. But we cannot say how long his moderation may last. A moderation built on his motives we are afraid is very slippery. Whence your honour &ca. may perceive how difficult it is to make calculates when there can be nothing fix'd for a basis; at least what is fix'd today shifts tomorrow. From the foregoing then it is plain no one knows what he shall be obliged to pay for a peice of cloth at Salem till he goes to the market; to demonstrate which and the uncertainty of calculates was the cheif design of introducing this subject, next to that of giving your honour &ca. all the information we cou'd of what comes to our knowledge touching the investment. We beg your honour &ca. to observe how cautiously the preamble to our calculate of the 24th October last year was worded. It begins, "the present cost and charges &ca.," intimating the likelyhood of its varying. We cannot dismiss this subject without endeavouring to account how your honour &ca. by the same rules of arithmetick make so wide a difference from us as 9½ per cent. in the same calculate. For without we cou'd in some measure account for it, we shou'd suspect we had mistaken something ourselves. In some parts of this letter we have agreed with your honour &ca. in the first principles and yet make a different conclusion. Here we differ in both. We fancy this mistake must arise from your honour's &ca. subtracting the charges upon the cloth in the country from the calculate of the 24th October last, and in supposing that we had not included the charges in ours of the 4th instant. We see now our error. Your honour &ca. understand that we express'd ourselves obscure[l]y when we said in our last Pags. 41½ brokerage included, and that we ought to have said, brokerage with all other charges of juncan &ca. included. We must acknowledge we did not think there was any occasion to be thus particular, because the brokers pay all those charges in the country, and they properly enter into the first cost of the cloth. The sense of our expression will then in short be this: our brokers can buy us the Salem cloth at Star pagodas 40½ per corge, which with the brokerage added will turn out Pags. 41½ to the Company. We shall not insist however upon our calculate any more than we hope your honour &ca. will upon yours, for since that was made, our brokers have brought in some of Salem cloth the cost of which is Pags. 41–34–70, add the brokerage, land custom and dustore it will turn out pagodas 43–32–70 which is cheaper than it has been for many years, and we heartily wish we may find it equally good. In '37 it cost Pags. 45–12–54; in '38 Pags. 44–29–9; in '39 Pags. 44–24–56; in '40 Pags. 44–18–3. Wherefore we hope your honour &ca. will no longer say, "if we must pay more for the cloth from thence &ca.," as your honour &ca. see plainly you now pay less. In the foregoing years the brokerage, land custom and dustore are included.

11. We have acquainted your honour &ca. *en passant* at what rate the different pagodas exchange except the Porto Novo of which our brokers say there have been none yet current in Salem, and therefore they can make no estimate. The Star pagoda in other places passes at its intrinsick value

12. We now conclude this subject of the investment, which your favour to which this is an answer seem'd to require a compleat state of, or we had not given your honour &ca. so much trouble. We have however endeavour'd to be as concise as is consistent with perspicuity and clearness.

13. We cannot yet learn with any certainty what depth of water there is upon Porto Novo river bar. We have sent our people to fathom it; they are not yet return'd.

14. We shall observe our Hon'ble masters' orders not to make use of their stationary ware in our private business.

15. Messrs. John Graham and William Holt have taken the seats your honour &ca. have allotted them at our board. Mr. Fowke has deliver'd over his charge of the Sea and Land Customs of Cuddalore to the former, as Mr. Floyer has that of Storekeeper to the latter.

16. The sloop *Carolina* is very near repair'd as far as she can be, and we wait for a fresh to make a tryal to get her over the bar.

We are with respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs,
Your most obedient servants,

Augustus Burton—Edward Croke—John Graham—Robert Allen—Charles Floyer—William Holt.

Fort St. David,
26th October, 1741.

P.S. Since writing the foregoing our people are return'd from Porto Novo and they tell us there is not water upon that bar for the sloop *Carolina*. We have also received your favour of the 21st and have forwarded your letter inclos'd to the Governour of Negapatam.

No. 108.

To the Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.,
President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

Agreeable to the discretionary power you lodged in us by your favour of the 11th December 1740, we have let out the arrack farm for five years at 800 Pags. per annum, to Narrain Chitty and Tondaroy Pilla who have also taken the measuring duty upon the same terms it was last let for. They also offer to rent the beetle and tobacco farm at 1,200 pagodas per annum. This tax was taken off in 1733, with an intent to encourage weavers to settle in our bounds but as it has not in so many years answer'd the end propos'd, either with respect to the weavers, or in making the beetle and tobacco cheaper, for by all accounts it has been sold as dear as formerly, we take the liberty to recommend the resuming again this branch of the Hon'ble Company's revenue. We are with respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most obedient servants.

Augustus Burton—Edward Croke—John Graham—Robert Allen—Charles Floyer—William Holt.

Fort St. David,
27th October, 1741.

No. 109.

To the Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.,
President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honourable sir and sirs,

The rainy season coming on, we beg the favour of your honour &ca., to send us a fresh supply of Star pagodas as soon as possible. We are with respect, Honourable sir and sirs, Your most obedient servants,

Augustus Burton—Edward Croke—John Graham—Robert Allen—Charles Floyer—William Holt.

Fort St. David,
30th October, 1741.

No. 110

To the Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.,
President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honourable sir and sirs,

I am here to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th August the contents of which have been communicated to the merchants of this place who are much concern'd that your honour &ca. should confine them to the providing of

ordinary cloth only at a time when cotton is so dear that nothing can be got by it. They also think it the greater hardship by reason that the places where all the fine cloth comes from lye as near Ingeram as they do Madapollam and are well assured there can be no difference in the thread. As to the price they say they can and do agree to provide it at as cheap a rate as the Madapollam people. Therefore humbly request your honour &ca. will not deprive them of an advantage that has hitherto enabled them to struggle with the difficulties they meet with in the investment of ordinary cloth.

Our Hon'ble masters ship *George* imported here the 16th past whereon I have laden one hundred and thirty bales of calicoes, for which invoice and bill of lading come inclosed.

Mr. Andrews writes me that having your honour &cas. permission either to stay at Maddapollam or return to Ingeram he has resolv'd upon the former; therefore I request your honour &ca. will be pleased to send me another assistant in his stead. I am with great respect, Honourable sir and sir[s,] Your most obedient and most humble servant,

Ingeram,
the 23rd September, 1741.

RICHARD PRINCE.

Account of cloth remaining at the Wash[ers] vizt.

Long cloth ordinary	33
Sallampores Do.	2
Sallampores fine	1
bales	36

No. 111.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

Inclosed comes duplicate of what I wrote you per ship *George* as also duplicate invoice and 2nd bill of lading for one hundred and thirty (130) bales of calicoes laden on board her at this place.

As I did not receive the account of betteelas sent from hence last year with the account sortments of the other cloths, I am to request your honour &ca. will be pleased to send it me by the first peons that come this way. I have received the stores sent me per *George*, and [am,] Honourable sir and sirs, Your most obedient and most humble servant,

RICHARD PRINCE.

Ingeram,
the 28th September, 1741.

No. 112.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

I take this opportunity to enclose you the Maddapollam books for the year 1740 together with the journall parcells and Cash accounts for August and September by which your honour &ca. will please to observe that I have advanc'd seven thousand (7,000) pagodas for cloth against Christmas, but how much of it may be brought in by that time [I cannot say ?], tho' I can promise neither care nor pains shall be wanting on my part for that or any other purpose which may be contributary to the Hon'ble Company's interest. I have employed the properest person I could find in Metchlapatam for taking care of affairs there in my absence and of whose proceedings I have daily accounts, which encourage me to beleive

that investment will be ready against the time appointed, and as Mr. Andrews stays with me there will now be people sufficient to look after what is doing at both places.

In consequence of the letter of credit given me on Metchlapatam, I have drawn a bill on the Hon'ble President in favour of Iwin Doss, gomastah there for Bockanjee Doss at Madrass being account the chay goods Madrass Pags. 6,460 and shall draw another account the Madapollam investment for 5,000. I am with very great respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most obedient humble servant,

JOHN HALLYBURTON.

Maddapollam,
2nd October, 1741.

No. 113.

To THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Honourable sir and sirs,

I dispatch'd the Ingeram peons for Madrass this morning and just now at 12 at noon have receiv'd a letter from Captain Taylor of the *George* who left Vizagapatam the 7th and Ingeram the 25th September with 200 bales of the Hon'ble Company's goods, but having since met with contrary gales of wind and made seven inches water an hour he judg'd proper to come in to our road and desires my advice and assistance. I am going down to her immediately and shall leave proper orders with Mr. Andrews to assist us with every thing proper for taking out the bales and bringing her into the river, as the season is too far advanc'd to think of dispatching her.

I am Honourable sir and sirs, your most obedient and most humble servant,

JOHN HALLYBURTON.

Maddapollam,
2nd October, 1741.

No. 114.

To THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Honourable sir and sirs,

Since our letter to your honour &ca. of the 27th ultimo, Sadashavarow and Irzapa Chitty have offer'd to take the beetle and tabacco farm for 5 years at 1,500 Pags. per annum which is considerably more than any one else has offer'd to give. As they are both very responsible and reputable men, and as one of them is a Company's merchant, we take the liberty to recommend their proposal.

Inclosed are our accounts of expences for September, Consultations and Cash account for last month, the ballance whereof is in country pagodas 7,228 and in Star Pags. fanams and cash 12,108-5-67.

We are with respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most obedient servants,

AUGUSTUS BURTON—EDWARD CROKE—JOHN GRAHAM—ROBERT ALLEN—CHARLES FLOYER—WILLIAM HOLT.

Fort St. David,
3rd November, 1741.

LIST OF CLOTH ON HAND.

Embaled	74
At the washers	117
At the beaters	99
Blue	14
	304

No. 115.

To the Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.,
President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honourable sir and sirs,

Your letter of the 18th June was deliver'd us the 24th July with two packets for the President and Council of Bombay which were duly forwarded, since when our Hon'ble masters ships, *Nassau* and *Fort St. George* have arriv'd from Great Brittain, the former of which sail'd for Bengall the 22d ultimo, and the other is proposed to be despatch'd directly for England about the middle of next month. The *Onslow*, Captain Batchen, likewise arrived the 7th instant. We are with great respect, Honourable sir and sirs, Your most obedient humble servant[s],

James Hope—William Lowther—William Johnson—James Henry Lambe—John Burchall.

Surat,
September the 25th, 1741.

No. 116.

To the Honourable Richard Benyon Esqr.,
President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.
Honourable sir and sirs,

1. As we gave your honour &ca. a full state of our investment the 26th ultimo, and as it is allowed the cloth is cheaper than it has been for many years, we shall in this endeavour only to answer to some of the errors you have remark'd in our calculates and the other commands laid upon us in your favour of the 2d instant.

2. Your honour &ca. take notice that the brokerage paid at Salem slipp'd us, which if true wou'd undoubted alter the form of our argument; but we can assure your honour &ca. it did not, and we beg the favour to be understood that that and every other charge in the country is included when we say "the cost of the cloth when it enters our bounds." The rule given us by your honour &ca. to bring Allumpara pagodas into Star is a very good one, but then we think these two expressions ought to be carefully distinguish'd, namely 20 per cent batta or premium upon the Star pagoda and 20 [per cent] discount in exchanging the Allumpara into Star. We desire submission to observe that your honour &ca. made use of them [before] in the same sense, and we accordingly took the same freedom in [our] calculate. For example, discount 20 per cent from 100, and the ans[wer] will be 80 discount; 20 per cent from 49 Allumpara pagodas, [and the] answer will be 39-2 Star pagodas, But if on the other side we supp[ose] premium of 20 per cent upon the Star pagodas, then as your honour [&ca.] are so kind to observe to us 49 Allumparra pagodas will produce Star Pags. 40.

3. We are very sorry to find your honour &ca. insist so strongly upon our letter of the 19th September after the submission we m[ade] in ours of the 28th in regard to the mistake we had been guilty of in acqua[inting] you of the cloths rising, the foundation of which was our taking [the] cloth turn'd out receiv'd at an abatement, for that which was the best. We hope however upon a second mention of our error your honour &ca. will excuse us and especially as we have no ways injur'd our Honourable masters thereby. The caution your honour &ca. give us with respect to the brokers not taking more money than is immediately necessary to pay for the cloth we always have and ever shall observe, as likewise that which you give us never to place too great confidence in them. Accordingly we get all the advice [we] possibly can relating to the price of the cloth in the country and we are pretty certain the French do at this time pay a pagoda in [the] corge more than we do and that if we were to relinquish the cloth they would be glad to take every peice of it, and even that which we now turn out.

4. When we told your honour &ca. that the cloth had risen to Pags. $42\frac{1}{2}$, we meant the late current pagodas, tho' we will not [pre]tend it was express'd so clearly as it ought to have been because we shou'd by right have mention'd that the ballance of the late current pagodas was not then out. As to what was said of the pagodas falling from 75 to 62 touch which was given as a reason for the cloths rising, we do [. . .] the brokers understood we were [. . .] ing them [. . .] Cloth which they were then provid[ing . . .] terpreter [. . .] easily arise, and we are perfectly assur'd what your honour &ca. object to us was of this kind. However we hope your honour &ca. will observe that we only conveyed to you our brokers' answer to the questions we propos'd to them. It is true we did prevail upon them afterwards to bring in some cloth at 44 Allumpara pagodas, but then it was so very bad that we cou'd not take it in, and when we objected it against them, they confess'd it was so, but that if we wou'd screw them to a price they said they cou'd only get the best for that price. It may not be improper here to request the favour of your honour &ca. to pardon or put a favourable interpretation upon any little mistakes we may be guilty of or any improprieties of expression which your honour &ca. may think such, when they arise from no deceit or guile in us; and we hope we shall always be able to prove they do not.

5. With respect to our brokers not being able to exchange our pagodas at Salem at 25 fanams as well as the townsmen, we can only say that it is in the power of Nanjan Chitty to prevent it, and his interest prevails upon him very easily to do it. It is very easy to conceive that where a person is absolute in any country, he may without any difficulty distress those who shall come to trade in it.

6. As your honour &ca. tell us it is indifferent to you what money we pay provided the Company have an equivalent, and as the Allumpara pagodas can be purchased at near their intrinsick value, we beg the favour of a supply of them as soon as possible. If we find afterwards that we can purchase any here at a cheaper rate and that will go as well in the country, we will with your honour's &ca. permission take the liberty so to do, and return the others again, as your honour &ca. acquaint us there can be no loss upon them.

7. Your honour &ca. observe to us that your method is always to settle first with the merchants that money shall be paid [them] and then agree for the price of the cloth. If your hon[our &ca. . . .] been always able to do this for the [*Two pages in the original are missing*] run in debt which [. . .] inclinations. If your [. . .] have been in any respect deficient, we [would endeavour] to give your honour &ca. the clearest proofs of the uprightness of our conduct.

12. We have deliver'd your commissions to Lieutenants Morgan and Amyand, and have read over our Hon'ble masters' Regulations for the Military and part of your Consultation of the 1st of June which we will conform to as near as possible.

13. We will send you the particulars of the presents sent to the Moratta Generals in few days.

14. We forgot to observe in its proper place that we did not send your honour &ca. the 3,353 bad Pags. as being of an inferiour touch, but we sent them because they were Trevilore and Wendawash pagodas which would not pass here and we did not enquire about the touch of them.

We are, Honourable sir and sirs, your most obedient servants.

AUGUSTUS BURTON—EDWARD CROKE—JOHN GRAHAM—ROBERT ALLEN—CHARLES FLOYER—WILLIAM HOLT.

Fort St. David,
[ ]th November, 1741.

No. 117.

To the Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.,
President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

This serves only to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th instant, accompanying a supply of (10,000) ten thousand Star pagodas, which turn out right, and to inclose the account particulars of the presents sent to the Moratta Generals.

We are Hon'ble sir and sirs, Your most obedient servants,

Augustus Burton—Edward Croke—John Graham—Robert Allen—Charles Floyer—William Holt.

Fort St. David,
12th November, 1741

No. 118.

To the Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.,
President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honourable sir and sirs,

This serves only to request the favour of your honour &ca. to send us a further supply of (10,000) ten thousand Star pagodas as soon as possible for Salem.

We are, Honourable sir and sirs, your most obedient servants,

Augustus Burton—Edward Croke—John Graham—Robert Allen—Charles Floyer—William Holt.

Fort St. David,
17th November, 1741.

No. 119.

To the Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.,
President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

We have receiv'd your favour of the 19th instant, and shall take care for the future to give your honour &ca. previous advice of any supplies we may want of the country money, which is undoubtedly for the advantage of our Hon'ble masters, and we beg leave to assure your honour &ca. that we will carefully observe any other commands which you shall be pleased to lay upon us.

Agreeable to your permission we will let the beetle and tobacco farm to Sadashava Row and Irzapa Chitty for 5 years to commence from the 1st of next month.

We have received 10,000 Star pagodas and four thousand nine hundred and fifty 4,950 Allumpara pagodas, which turn out right, and agreeable to the advice receiv'd thereof in your favour of the 23d instant, and in three from Mr. Secretary Savage of the 19th, 20th, and 23d of this month.

We are with respect, Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient servants,

Augustus Burton &c.

Fort St. David,
28th November, 1741.

No. 120.

To the Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.,
President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

This is only to acquaint your honour &ca. that we shall be in want of 15,000 (fifteen thousand) Allumpara pagodas in about ten days hence, with which we beg your honour &ca. will supply us. If your honour &ca. have any lesser sum in

cash, we shall be obliged to you for it immediately; in which case your honour &ca. will be pleas'd to send us the remainder seven or eight days afterwards.

We are Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient servants,

AUGUSTUS BURTON—EDWARD CROKE—JOHN GRAHAM—ROBERT ALLEN—CHARLES FLOYER—WILLIAM HOLT.

Fort St. David,
30th November, 1741.

No. 121.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

I receiv'd the general letter dated on the 3d of October the 11th instant, and shall enter the money I receiv'd at Metchlapatam in the accounts as you are pleased to direct. On the 2d of last month I acquainted the Board with the Company's ship *George's* distress and her having put into Nar[a]sapore road. The Hon'ble Company's bales are in the godowns and free from damage, having been prevented by the rains from bringing them ashore till the 26th of October; and the stormy weather in which she lost an anchor hindered the pilotes from bringing her over the barr till the 10th instant. Her leaks which lye in her upper works and whatever else may be absolutely necessary shall be repaired with diligence and frugality, and as Captain Taylor has assured me that she complains no where else, if she is not dispatch'd a little after next full, which will happen they say about the 11th of December, it shall be no fault of mine.

I am, Honourable sir and sirs, your most obedient and most humble servant,

JOHN HALLYBURTON.

Maddapollam,
16th November, 1741.

No. 122.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Honourable sir and sirs,

After our Consultation of the 17th last month your honour &ca. will see a paper deliver'd in by Lieutenant Morgan setting forth the duty of this garrison which we hope will meet your approval. And for those articles of our Hon'ble masters' Regulations for the Military, which are common to both settlements, we cannot add anything to the Consultation you have favour'd us with relating thereto, and therefore have enter'd it upon our's for our direction and observance. As to the making or breaking officers, we are wholly under your honour &cas. orders.

The Paymaster and Secretary have paid in Pags. 58–22–68, being the amount of the effects sold of Mr. Borlace Stacey deceas'd and of what due to that estate, particulars whereof are enter'd after Consultation of 30th last month, as also a list of demands, amounting to Pags. 33–24–0 which we wait your directions to pay off.

Inclos'd are our accounts of expences for October, Consultations and cash account for last month, ballance whereof is Star pagodas 4,707–17–24.

We are, Honourable sir and sirs, your most obedient servants,

AUGUSTUS BURTON—JOHN GRAHAM—ROBERT ALLEN—CHARLES FLOYER—WILLIAM HOLT.

Fort St. David,
5th December, 1741.

LIST OF CLOTH ON HAND.—

Embaled	...	221
Do. blue	...	16
		237 bales.
At the washers	...	221½
At the beaters	...	94½
At the dyers	...	29
		582

No. 123.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

We have receiv'd two letters from Mr. Secretary Savage of the 7th instant, advising of a supply of 4,870 (four thousand eight hundred and seventy) Allumpara pagodas sent us which arriv'd yesterday and turn out right. Instead of the remainder of what we wrote for the 30th past, we beg the favour of your honour &ca. to send us 20,000 (twenty thousand) Star pagodas some of which we shall have occasion for Salem and our brokers acquainting us the Allumpara no longer pass in the country, they therefore cannot receive any more of them, till the present rumour of the Nabob's having issued out an order, that none under 80 touch shall be coin'd in future, be contradicted; and they say likewise a publick notice was given at Trivedee by the beat of tom tom that none of the country hereabouts do receive any more of those sorts. In the meantime they are willing to receive Star pagodas for some cloth already brought in by them and a further advance as they shall require for the present at 20 per cent discount in the prices they have all along brought in cloth with the Allumpara pagodas,

We are, Honourable sir and sirs, your most obedient servants,

AUGUSTUS BURTON—EDWARD CROKE—JOHN GRAHAM—ROBERT ALLEN—CHARLES FLOYER—WILLIAM HOLT.

Fort St. David,
13th December, 1741.

No. 124.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Honourable sir and sirs,

We have received your two favours of the 15th instant with another from Mr. Secretary Savage of the 14th. The supply of 10,000 Star pagodas are safe arriv'd, and we will employ them to the best advantage.

As our brokers have brought in some Chemanaikpollam cloth inferiour to what we have and usually take in, we rather chose to lay it aside than turn it quite out, because the French should not lay their hands upon it. They now offering us to take it at a proportionable abatement, we desire your honour's &ca. liberty to resort it brown, and only take in that which will serve our Hon'ble masters' purpose, and so distinguish it from the other bales with the mark of a cross.

We are, Hon'ble sir & sirs, your most obedient servants,

AUGUSTUS BURTON—EDWARD CROKE—JOHN GRAHAM—ROBERT ALLEN—CHARLES FLOYER—WILLIAM HOLT.

Fort St. David,
19th December, 1741.

No. 125.

To the Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.,

President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

The 6th ultimo we received your honour &ca. favour of the 3rd October, enclosing copy of the 49th paragraph of our Hon'ble masters letter to you of the 6th February 1740, and as you require our answer thereto shall now reply.

We are therefore to inform your honour &ca. that the Garden House taken notice of by our Hon'ble masters in the letter aforementioned was not bought of Mr. Sanderson for the particular reception of the great men of this country, but also for the entertainment of strangers, who are oftentimes under a necessity to call in at this port to winter, and we believe we shall surprize your honour &ca. when we tell you that there is not one publick house of entertainment in all the town of Vizagapatam, but so it is, so that the Chief is under a necessity to provide them with bed and board by which means he is oftentimes at the yearly [cost] of two hundred and sometimes three hundred pagodas extraordinary on their account. Mr. Stratton begs leave to assure you that he hath not received one pagoda advantage for the use of said house in any shape whatever. We are therefore to desire your honour &ca. will be so kind as to recommend this affair to the notice of our Hon'ble masters in your next general letter, when we are fully perswaded they will order a proper allowance to be made on this account.

Your favour of the 11th ultimo reached us the 8th current and agreeable to the liberty therein given, we have laden on board the *Vizagapatam* 100 bales of callicoes account and risque our Hon'ble masters amounting to pagodas 6,224-8-18; invoice and bill of lading for the same comes enclosed. We should have washed the greatest part of the cloth now sent you, had not the heavy rains which fell here in the month of October prevented the curing of it. It rained here for 20 days almost without intermission; the like whereof has not been known in the memory of man and has also been of so great a hindrance to the business of our investment that we shall not be able to compleat the number of bales promised you before the latter end of January. Several parts of our buildings have also suffered very much by the rains, particularly the battery by the seaside which is above the one half washed down and the remaining part so much cracked that it must necessarily be rebuilt. The walls also of the battery upon Flagg Staff hill are washed down and much damage done to the Second's house. We will transmitt your honour &ca. an estimate of the charge of repairing the same in a few days, and wait your orders before we proceed any further.

We will pay Gunnapunda Raganagaloo his demand on Doctor Gibson's estate and the ballance write off to account current, Fort St. George, agreeable to your orders.

Enclosed we send your honour &ca. our cash and Paymasters accounts for the months of September, October and November. We also send you by this conveyance copy of our general books and Paymasters accounts for the last year.

We have not as yet received the wares and stores that came by the *Fort St. George* brigantine for the use of this settlement. The rains and the badness of the road prevented Mr. Prince from forwarding the same. Enclosed we send a list of wares and stores wanting further at this settlement which we desire may be sent us on the return of the *Vizagapatam* to this place.

Annavarda Cawn, the Nabob of Rajamundrum, encamped in our mango garden the 22d ultimo with about 1,500 men and marched away the next day for Chickacull where he designs to halt till all his forces are arrived. They are then to be joined by the Nabob's of this province, who is raising all the forces he possibly can in this country, in order to assist the Nabob of Cuttack, who we hear is marching a large army against the Nabob of Muxedavad. Chickleys Cawn, we are informed, has also promised to assist the Nabob of Cuttack with 20,000 horse, five of which it's said[are] on their march this way and the other fifteen takes the

upper road, and are to join the grand army in the Cuttack country. Should the Nabob of Cuttack succeed in this enterprize, he is then (as it's currently reported) to give his daughter in marriage to Nazere Jing, Chickleys Cawn's son, and to be the only recompence he is to receive for such assistance. We are not in the least afraid that our affairs here will suffer[from]these commotions, tho' at the same time it's necessary we should be prepared in case of an accident of the death of the old Nabob, and are therefore to request that the gun carriages and fire arms formerly wrote for be also sent us by the *Vizagapatam.*

Undermentioned is a list of the cloth at the washers to this day.

Mr. Stratton returns your honour &ca. his most gratefull acknowledgments for the favour you have done him in admiting him a member of your Hon'ble Board.

We are, Honourable sir and sirs, your most obedient humble servants,

JOHN STRATTON—THEMAS SAUNDERS.

Vizagapatam,
the 14th December, 1741.

A LIST OF CLOTH AT THE WASHERS :—

Long cloth ordinary	34-1
Long cloth fine	32-9
Sallampores ordinary...	26-11
Sallampores fine	6-14
Corge	99-15 ps.

Vizagapatam, 13th December, 1741.

INDENT OF WARES WANTING AT VIZAGAPATAM :—

Broadcloth, fine, emerald green	2 ps.
Broadcloth, midling, emerald green	2 do.
Perpetuanos, ordinary :—	
Blue	5
Yellow	5
Emerald green	5
	15 ps.
Emboss'd cloth yellow	2 ps.
Rope	10 candies.
Twine	10 ,,

THOMAS SAUNDERS,
Warehousekeeper.

Vizagapatam, 13th December, 1741.

A LIST OF STORES WANTING AT VIZAGAPATAM :—

General stores—

Hartall	1 candy
Lintseed oil	20 gallons
Woodoil	6 jarrs
Fine twine	5 maunds
Padlocks small	10
Hand lines	20
Deep sea lines	20

Armoury stores— ... ...
Drumheads large ... ...
Do lines ... ...
Cartouch boxes large ... ...
Gunners stores— ... ...
Tarr–6 barrels ... .
Redwood–100 pieces to make axle trees for gunn carriages.

ROBERT GOODERE,
Storekeeper.

No. 126.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQR.,
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

We are to inform your honour &ca. that on the 15th current, Capt. Westcott in the *Scarborough* and Capt. Robson in the *Kent* anchored her[e] and wrote letters ashore desireing the assistance of the port for that many of their own men were down with the scurvy, besides several of the military men designed for the settlement of Fort St. George. They have accordingly landed her[e] 19 soldiers, twelve out of the *Kent* and seven out of the *Scarborough*, and you may be assur'd all imaginable care shall be taken of them. We requested of them to send ashore all the forces designed for Fort St. George but they refused to comply therewith alledging for a reason, that if they sent all the soldiers ashore, the ships' company would be so weakned thereby as to render them incapable of proceeding any further for some time, whereupon we desisted.

These ships left England in company with the *Vernon*, Capt. Webster, the 3d of May; arrived at the Cape the 14th August; sailed again from thence the 1st of September; and parted company with the *Vernon* the 11th current, in the lattitude of 15·40 N, Captain Webster declaring he would stand to the eastward as the most feasible method to obtain his passage to the Bay. But the other Captains were of the contrary opinion so that time only will discover who is in the right.

They go off this evening and design to weigh with the land wind in the morning. We hope they will arrive at the Bay in time to be dispatched home this season.

We prevail'd upon Capt. Westcott and Robson to open their pacquet boxes for Fort St. George, and under the care of Mr. Charles Savage Norris who came out factor on the *Kent* for Fort St. George and who takes his passage on the Vizagapatam in company with Mr. Charles Bouchier, writer for Fort St. George, we send a box directed for your honour &ca. Council containing the private letters by those ships for the gentlemen at your place.

We should be glad of your opinion concerning our proceedings herein, having done for the best and what we thought would be most agreeable to you. We are therefore to request your honour &ca. will send us some instructions for our conduct how to act in case an accident of this kind should happen in future.

Enclosed we send you a list of the arrival and departure of several ships at the Cape, so farr as we have been able, belonging to our Hon'ble masters, which is what offers at present from.

Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient humble servants,

JOHN STRATTON—THOMAS SAUNDERS.

Vizagapatam,
the 19th December, 1741.

P. S.

Enclosed we send also an account of money advanced our merchants and cloth brought in by them to the ultimo November.

An account of the arrival and departure of the ships belonging to our Honourable masters at the Cape of Good hope.

December the 8th 1740, the ship *Wilmington*, Capt. Maddox, arrived, and January 8th, the ship *Colchester*, Captain Meiklefield. Maddox dy'd the 15th of February and Jedd succeeded to the command. Both these ships sailed from the Cape on the 16th of March in company with eight sail of Dutch ships under Commodore Vesser. The Companys yatch arrived the 17th of January, and went for St. Hellena the 1st February. Gabriel Steward, the Captain, stay'd behind with orders for the others homeward bound that should call there and took his passage on Capt. Cape for St. Hellena.

The *Heathcote* (Cape) and *Princess of Wales* (Harry) arriv'd at the Cape on the 17th of April and sail'd on the 28th for St. Hellena. The *Princess Amelia*, Capt. Martin, and *Winchester*, Capt. Pinnel, early in April anchor'd in the north part of the Bay, but a strong S.E. wind blowing they could get no further. They each lost an anchor, and having orders sent off to them by Gabriel Steward and 2 boats with necessarys, they went after a stay of 8 or ten hours. Captain Cooke of the *Hasingfield* dyed at the Cape. When she arrived there or when she sailed cannot learn.

No. 127.

To the Hon'ble Richard Benyon Esqr.,
President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honourable sir and sirs,

I have receiv'd your favour of the 12th November and this waits on you by the *Essex* briggantine whereon I have laden for account of the Hon'ble Company one hundred and thirty [three] bales of calicoes for which invoice and bill of lading come inc[losed.]

I should have strictly observ'd your honour &ca. orders relating to the fine cloth had I thought that which was cur [ed] here last year had not been approv'd of. What comes up [now] should also have been whiten'd here according to your honour &ca. former directions but the washers being kept from [wash]ing till the 20th November by the excessive rains that fell in these parts, I was apprehensive they would not have time to cure it well.

What money I receive from Madapollam more than I shall have occasion for here shall be forwarded to Vizagapatam.

The heads under which Mr. Graham stands debtor upon these books are as follows:—Cash Pags. 786-12-27; Cunshum Connia, Pags. 772-5-62; Dorset Balla, 772-5-62; Gundune Venkana &ca. washers, Pags. 22.18-72; for which sums account current Vizagapatam shall be debted and profit [and] loss credited for the batta.

Herewith comes copys of our last year's books which were closed a few days before I received your honour &ca. letter with the account of the betteelas, having been told from Vizagapatam that they only waited for the books of this place to close theirs.

Inclos'd is an account of what money has been advanc'd each of the merchants as also what cloth has been brought in by them this year.

Our Nabob by order of Chicklass Cawn is gone to the northward to assist the Nabob of Catak and has left this country during his absence to the care of his youngest son Mahomud Detty.

I believe your honour &ca. is so sensible of the many impediments I meet with at present in the investment at this place that it will be needless to repeat them here. Therefore shall only add that I am with great respect, Honourable sir and sirs, your most obedient and most humble servant,

Richard Prince.

Ingeram,
the 24th December, 1741.

No. 128.

TO THE HON'BLE RICHARD BENYON ESQ.,
PRESIDENT GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon'ble sir and sirs,

After a long and tedious passage of seven months and a half to this day from Europe fell in with the Coast of Cormandell in latitude 16-50 N, two days agoe. The fresh N.E. monsoon we found off Achin head is the motive of our standing cross the Bay in company with the *Scarborough*, Capt. Westcott and the *Admiral Vernon*, Capt. Webster. The latter left us the 11th instant being consign'd directly for Bengall, he not being inclineable to keep the land aboard for the advantages of the land and sea breezes. Capt. Westcott and myself was consign'd for Madrass, if cou'd fetch it by the 10th of August, if not to make the best of our way for the Bay and there to deliver our cargoe.

Loosing no time in sending a boat ashore, took this oppertunity of writing to you sir and the rest of the gentlemen, at the same time to acquaint you that on the petition of the Governor &ca. Council of Vizagapatam I sent my packet ashore which was open'd in my presence and the letters for your place were taken out, the Company's general letters for [. . . At] the same time I sett ashore at this place eleven of the Hon'ble Company's soldiers for the preservation of their lives, being in a very ill state of health of the scurvy and other complaints, the rest purpose to carry to the Bay according to my instructions, haveing also thirty of my people down of the scurvy. Mr. Charles Savage Norris factor and Charles Bouchier, Writer of Madrass takes this opportunity of going ashore here for their speedier passage. I shou'd have also left the remainder of the consign'd soldiers for their more speedier conveyance to you, but our ships company being in so bad a condition, as wou'd render us incapable of proceeding for our consign'd port without endangering ship and cargoe; and am Hon'ble sir and sirs, your most obedient servant,

WILLIAM ROBSON.

From on board the *Kent* in
Vizagapatam Road,
December the 16th, 1741.

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